

FULLMETAL ALCHEMIST™



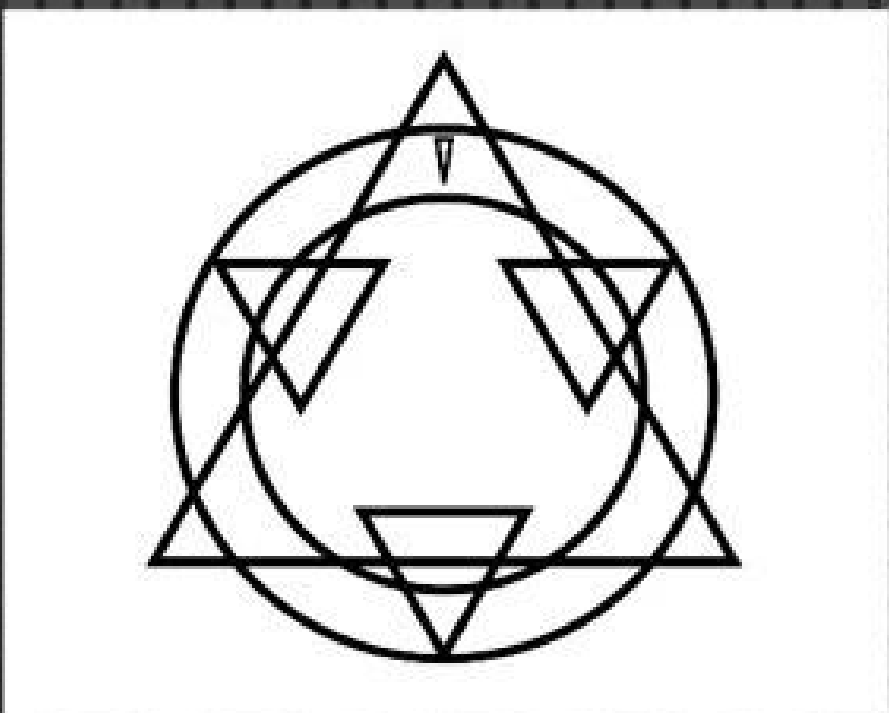
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In my opinion, the phrase "moe" is way overused lately.

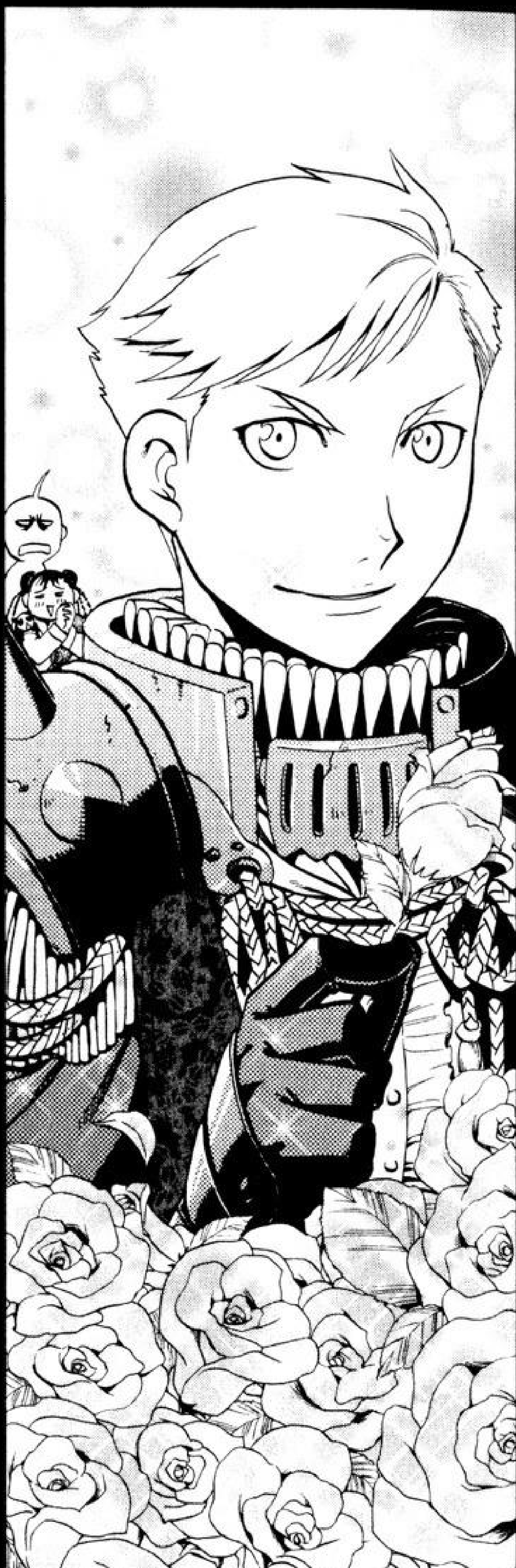
—Hiromu Arakawa, 2007



Born in Hokkaido (northern Japan), Hiromu Arakawa first attracted national attention in 1999 with her award-winning manga *Stray Dog*. Her series *Fullmetal Alchemist* debuted in 2001 in Square Enix's monthly manga anthology *Shonen Gangan*.



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荒川弘



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FULLMETAL ALCHEMIST

CHARACTERS

FULLMETAL ALCHEMIST



□ ウィンリィ・ロックベル

Winry Rockbell



□ スカー

Scar



□ リザ・ホークアイ

Riza Hawkeye



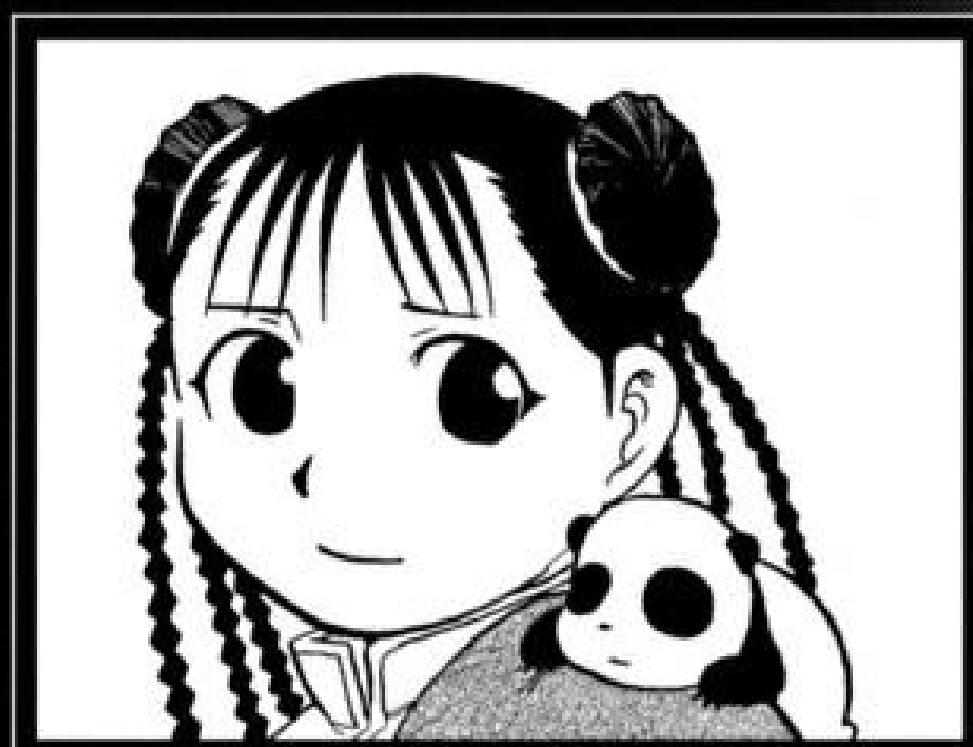
□ キング・ブラッドレイ

King Bradley



□ ゾルフ・J・キンブリー

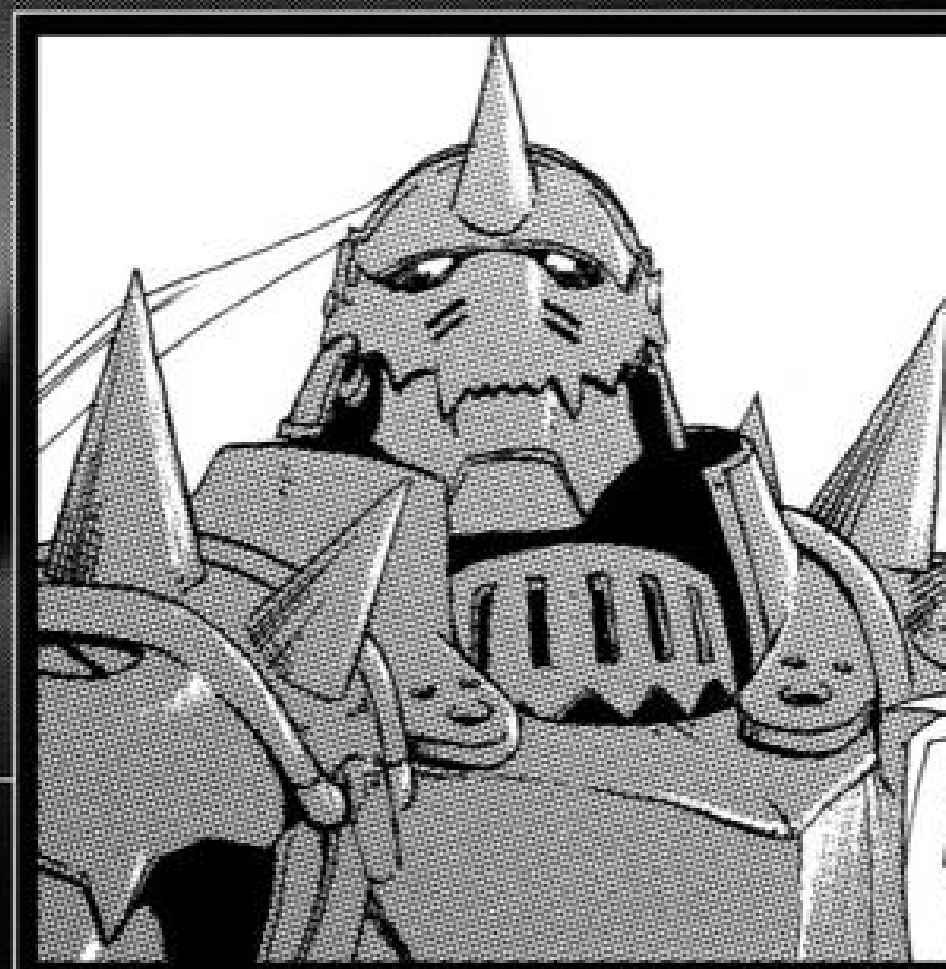
Solf J. Kimblee



□ メイ・チャン

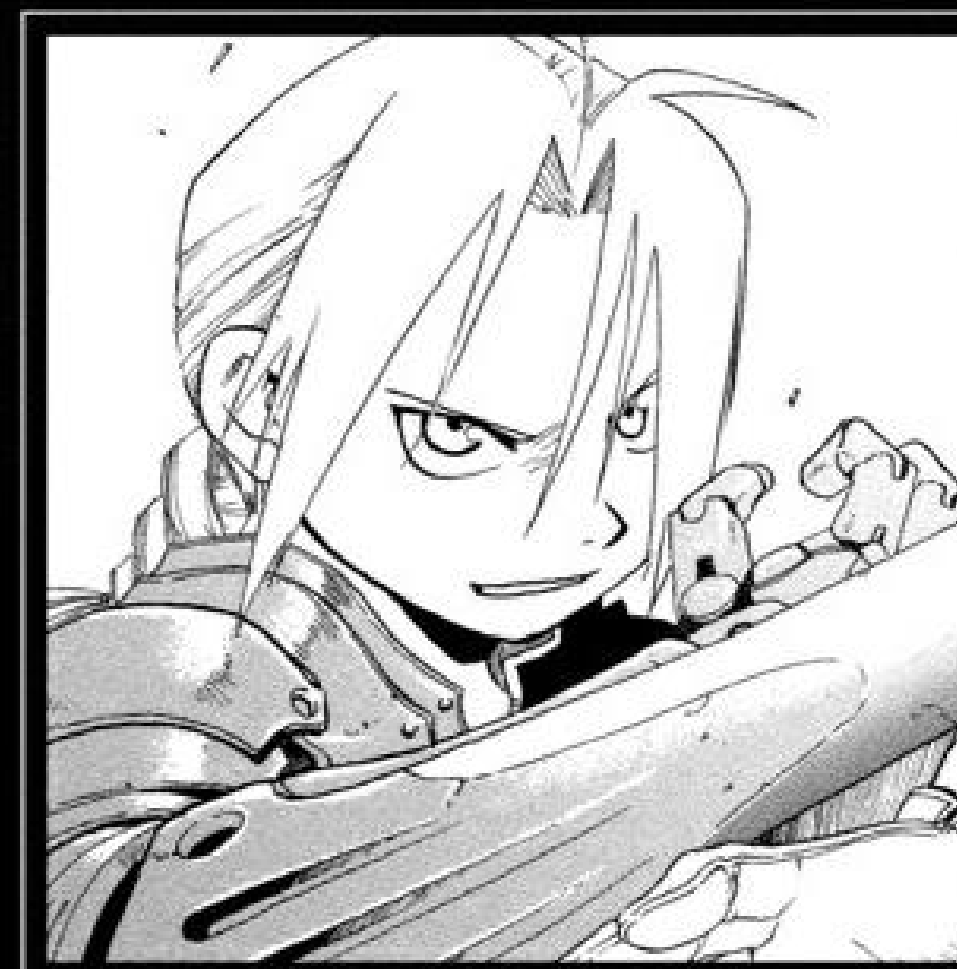
May Chang

FULLMETAL ALCHEMIST CHARACTER



□ アルフォンス・エルリック

Alphonse Elric



□ エドワード・エルリック

Edward Elric



□ アレックス・ルイ・アームストロング

Alex Louis Armstrong



□ ロイ・マスタング

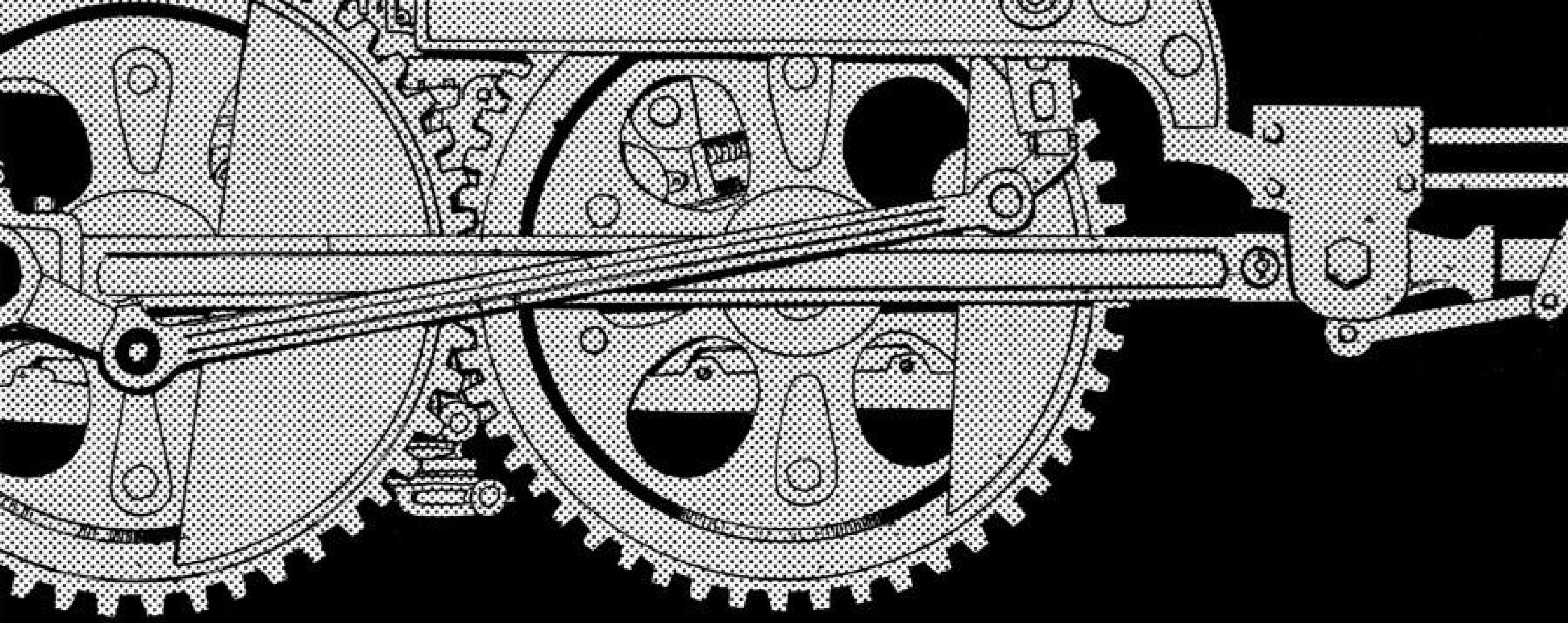
Roy Mustang

OUTLINE

FULLMETAL ALCHEMIST

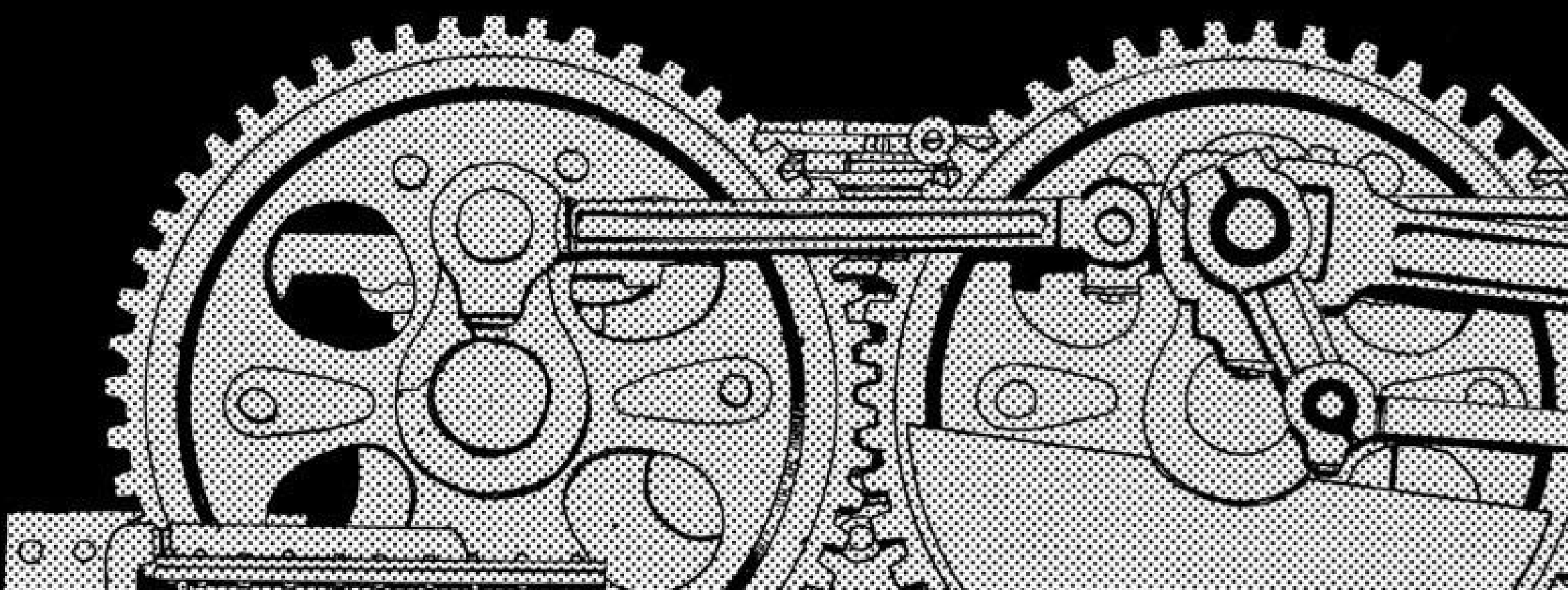
Using a forbidden alchemical ritual, the Elric Brothers attempted to bring their dead mother back to life. But the ritual went wrong, consuming Edward Elric's leg and Alphonse Elric's entire body. At the cost of his arm, Edward was able to graft his brother's soul into a suit of armor. Equipped with mechanical "auto-mail" to replace his missing limbs, Edward became a state alchemist, serving the military, while roaming the world with his brother in search of the Philosopher's Stone, the legendary substance with the power to restore what they have lost.

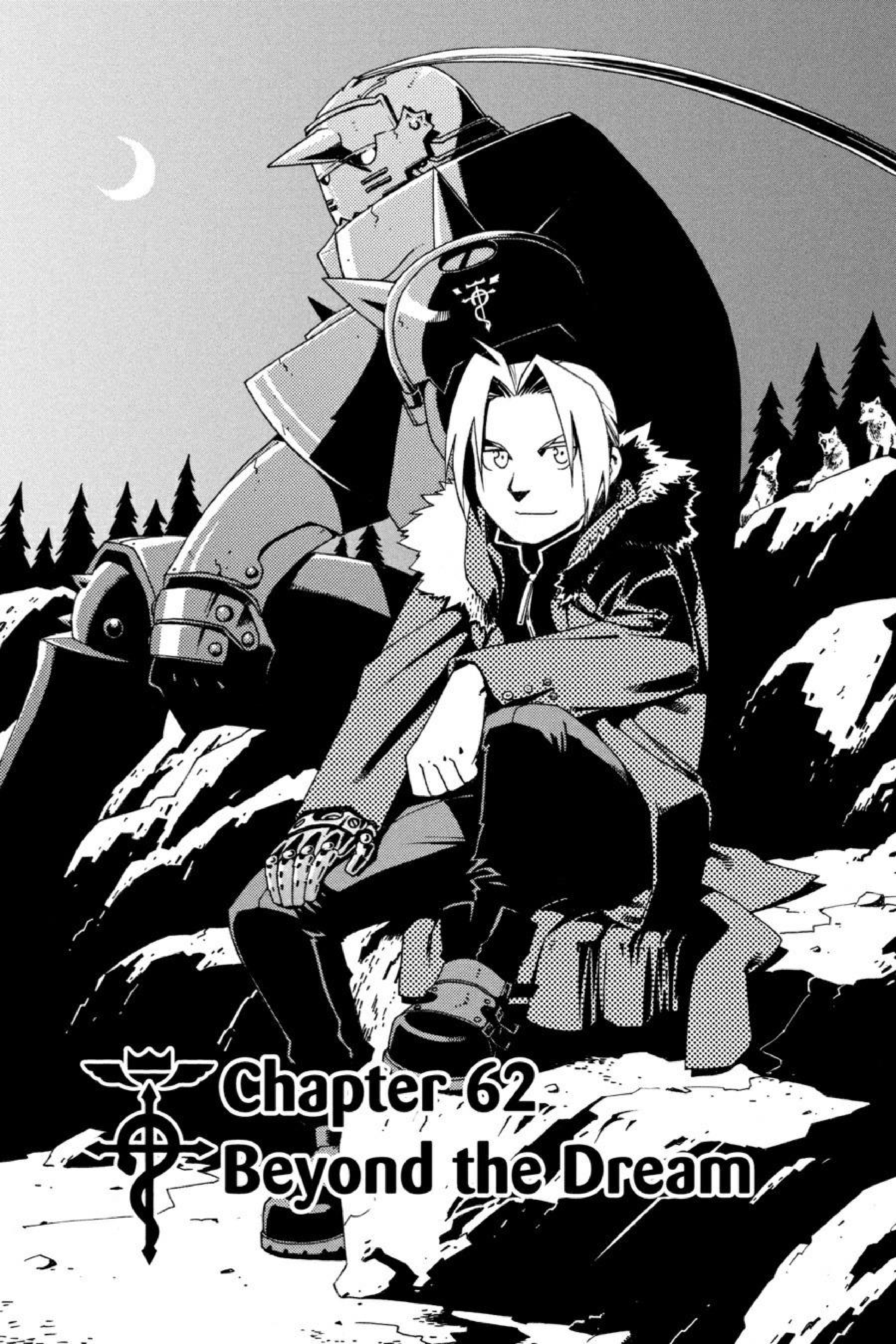
Their search hits a dead end when they learn the gruesome truth about the Philosopher's Stone and their government's complicity in its creation. Blackmailed by the enemy, Ed, Al and Colonel Roy Mustang are powerless to do anything with their newfound knowledge. As they adjust to their new reality, Ed gets a history lesson from Riza Hawkeye about the Ishbalan civil war and the atrocities that took place when Amestrian soldiers followed orders instead of their hearts.



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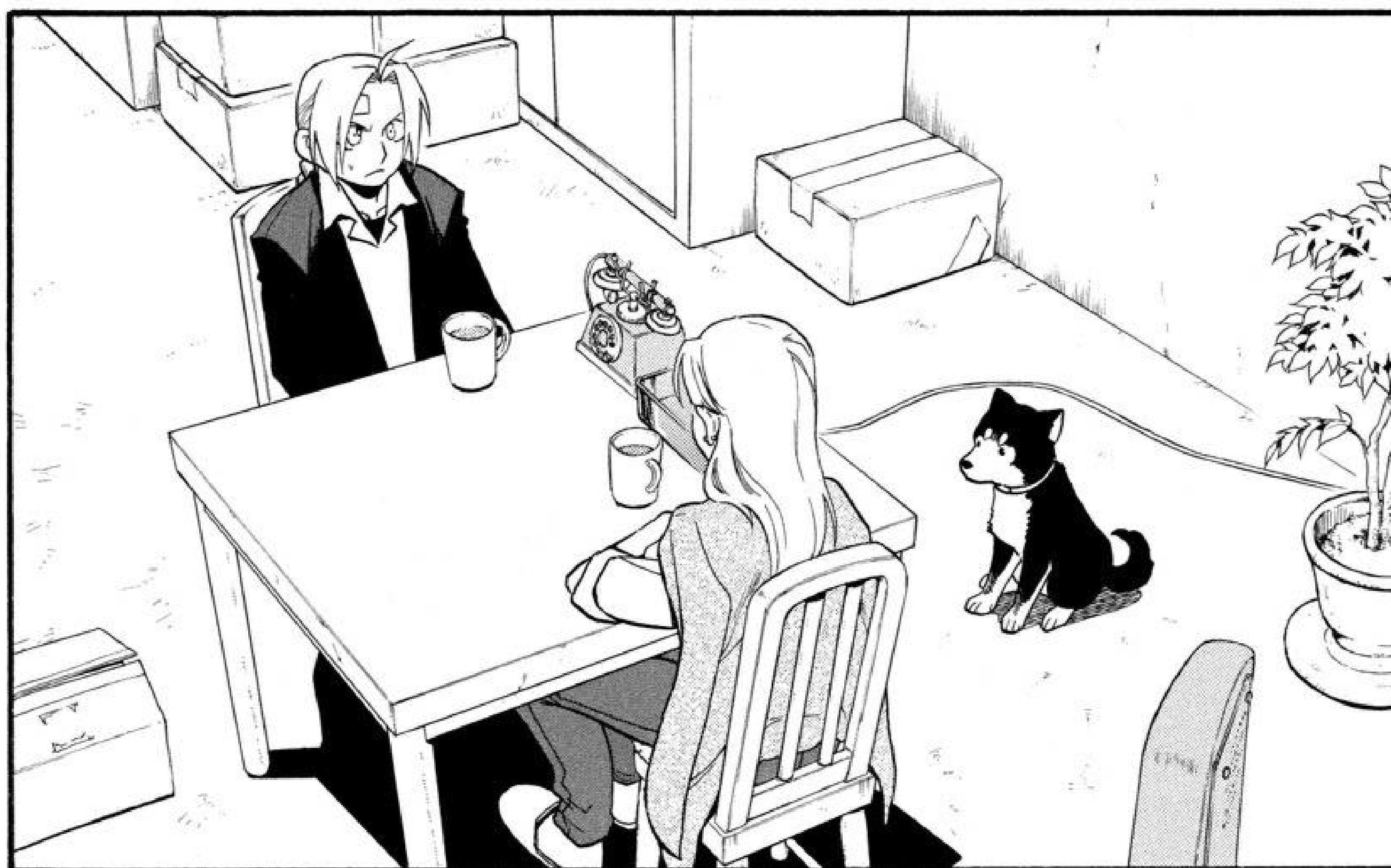
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Chapter 62

Beyond the Dream

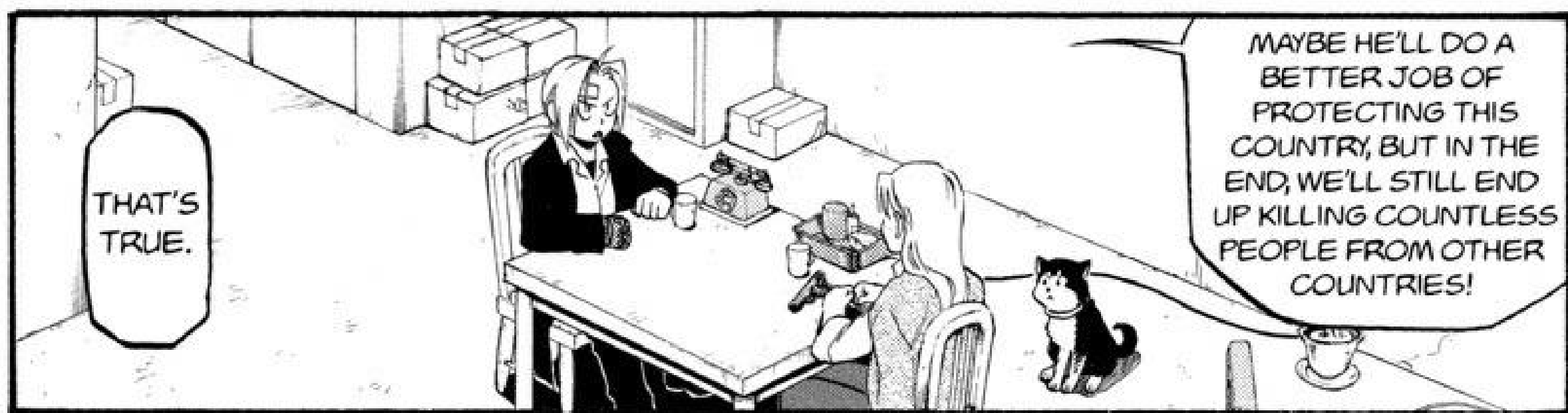




...EVEN IF HE SUCCEEDS, AS LONG AS THIS COUNTRY REMAINS A MILITARY DICTATORSHIP...



I KNOW COLONEL MUSTANG INTENDS TO BE THE NEXT PRESIDENT, BUT...



THAT'S TRUE.



ARMS REDUCTION MEANS ABOLISHING THE STATE ALCHEMIST SYSTEM AS WELL.



THEN WE CAN NEGOTIATE WITH OTHER NATIONS TO REDUCE OUR ARMAMENTS AND SEARCH FOR A WAY THAT WE CAN ALL SURVIVE.

OUR FIRST PRIORITY SHOULD BE TO RESTORE POWER TO THE PARLIAMENT—WHICH IS JUST THE MILITARY'S PUPPET RIGHT NOW—AND MOVE THIS COUNTRY TOWARDS TRUE DEMOCRACY.





THAT
MEANS-

HOLD
ON!



THOSE WHO
WERE PRAISED
AS HEROES
DURING WARTIME
WILL BE SEEN
AS MURDERERS
WHEN THERE'S
PEACE.

YES.



THE
COLONEL
KNOWS
THAT, BUT
HE'S STILL
AIMING
FOR THE
TOP?

THEN
THAT
MEANS
HE'S ON
A PATH
OF SELF-
DESTRUC-
TION!



I, TOO, MIGHT
END UP ON
TRIAL FOR THE
INJUSTICES THAT
I COMMITTED
IN ISHBAL.

NOT ONLY
THE COLONEL,
BUT PEOPLE
LIKE DR.
KNOX, WHO
CONDUCTED
EXPERIMENTS
ON HUMAN
BEINGS.



OUR
UNI-
FORMS...

...ARE
ALL
THAT'S
PRO-
TECTING
US
NOW.



THE
HOMUNCULI
MAY HAVE
STARTED
THE WAR,
BUT **WE**
WERE THE
ONES WHO
CARRIED
IT OUT.

KNOWING HIM, HE'LL
USE ANY MEANS
NECESSARY TO
DEFEND HIS
SUBORDINATES
FROM BEING
IMPLICATED.



HE
SWORE
TO
PROTECT
THOSE
BELOW
HIM.

THE CAUSE
OF THE CIVIL
WAR WAS ENVY
SHOOTING AND
KILLING THAT
ISHBALAN
CHILD.



BUT...

IT'S NOT
FAIR THAT
THE
COLONEL
AND YOU
SHOULD BE
THE ONES
WHO ARE
PUNISHED!



THE
HOMUNCULI
WERE THE
ONES WHO
WERE
PULLING
ALL THE
STRINGS
FROM THE
SHADOWS!



ARCOO

WE DON'T
HAVE THE
RIGHT TO
CHOOSE
WHEN TO
END OUR
OWN LIVES.

WE
ENDED
THE
LIVES OF
COUNT-
LESS
PEOPLE.

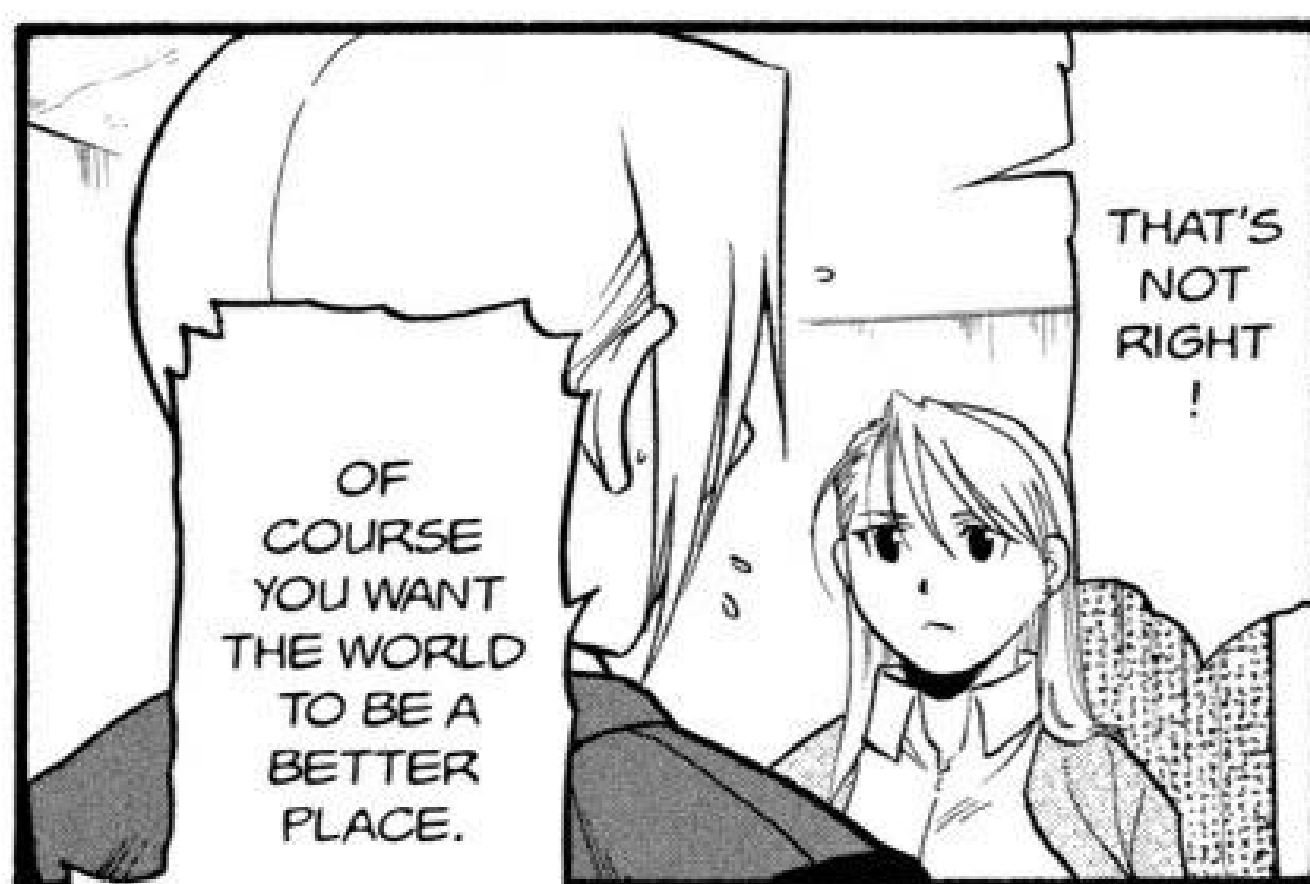


THE
COLONEL,
MYSELF...

...AND
UNDOUBT-
EDLY COM-
MODORE
HUGHES
MUST HAVE
FELT THE
SAME WAY.



THAT'S WHY,
AT THE VERY
LEAST, WE
WANT THE
NEXT
GENERATION
TO BE ABLE
TO LAUGH
AND LIVE A
HAPPY
EXISTENCE.



OF
COURSE
YOU WANT
THE WORLD
TO BE A
BETTER
PLACE.

THAT'S
NOT
RIGHT
!



...BUT...

THAT'S
NOT
FAIR...



BUT
DON'T
YOU
WANT
TO BE
HAPPY
TOO
!?

"PROMISE
ME THAT
YOU WON'T
HURT MY
YOUNGER
BROTHER."

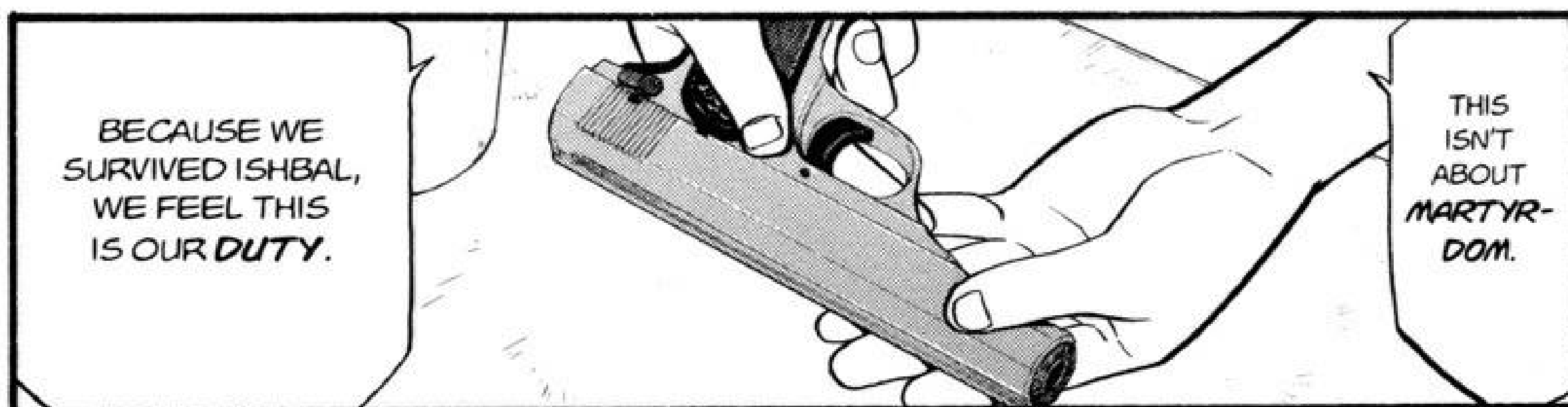


"YOU
DUMB
OLDER
BRO-
THER
!!!"

"I WON'T
LET YOU
CHOOSE
DEATH!!!"

SELF-
SACRIFICE
IS NOTHING
MORE
THAN SELF-
GRATIFI-
CATION!!



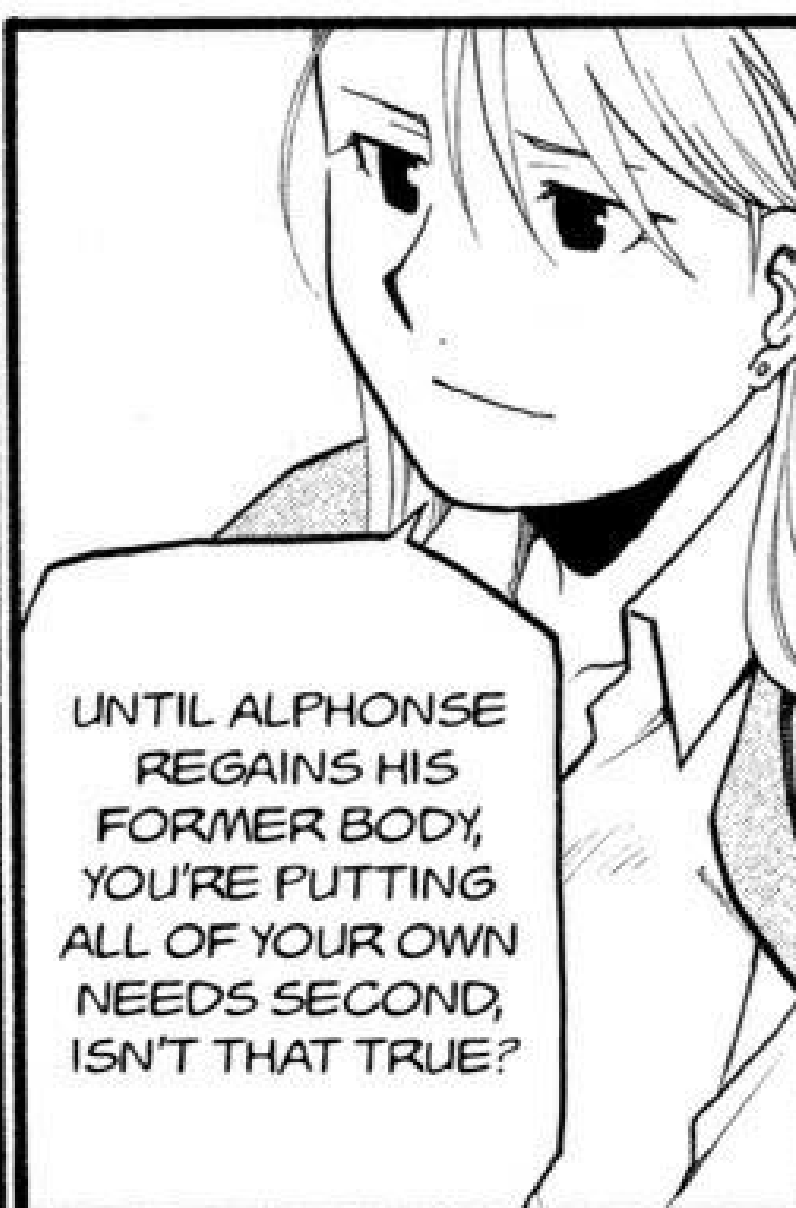


BECAUSE WE
SURVIVED ISHBAL,
WE FEEL THIS
IS OUR *DUTY*.

THIS
ISN'T
ABOUT
MARTYR-
DOM.



INSTEAD
OF WORRYING
ABOUT *US*,
SHOULDN'T YOU
BE THINKING
ABOUT THE
THINGS THAT
YOU STILL
NEED TO
DO?



UNTIL ALPHONSE
REGAINS HIS
FORMER BODY,
YOU'RE PUTTING
ALL OF YOUR OWN
NEEDS SECOND,
ISN'T THAT TRUE?



HUH
?

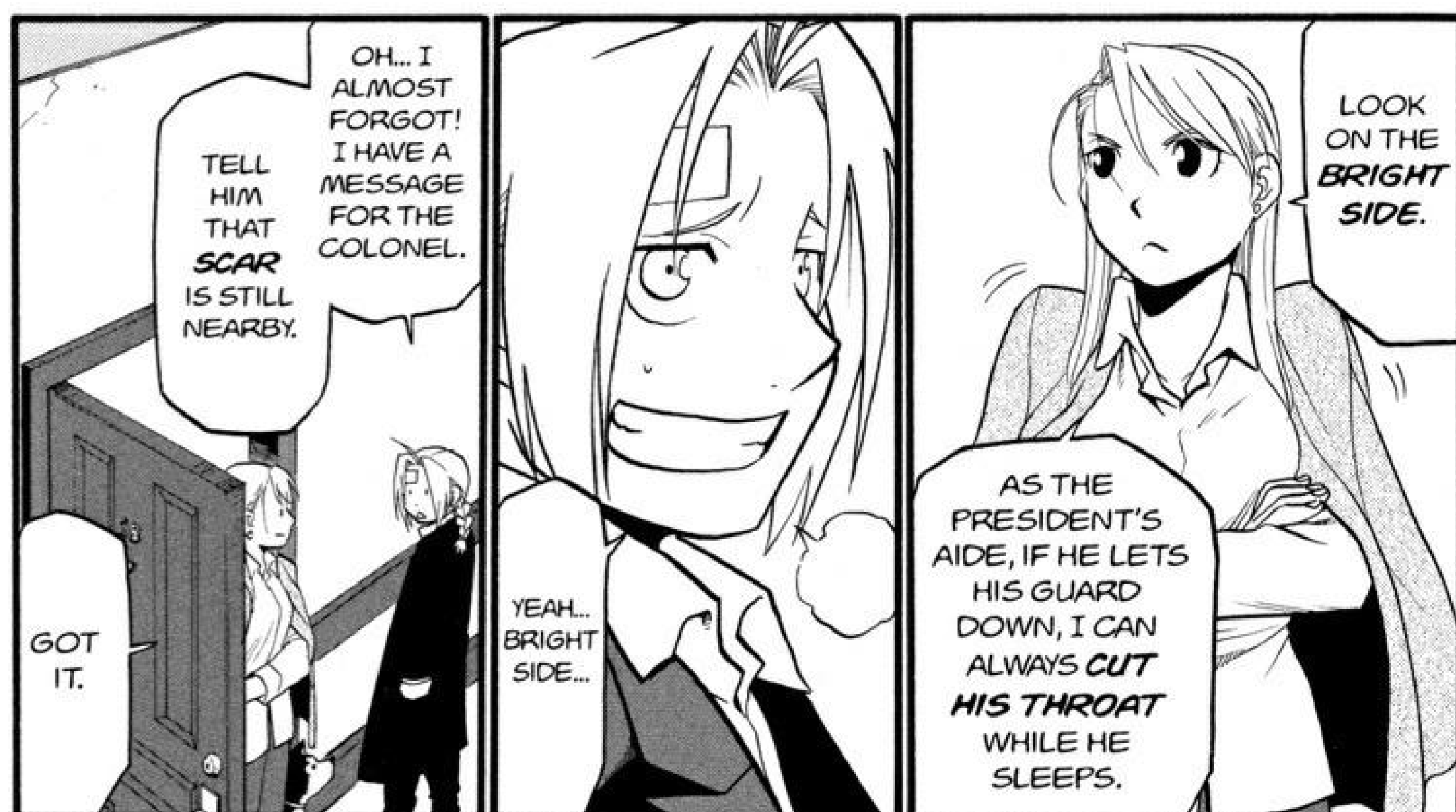
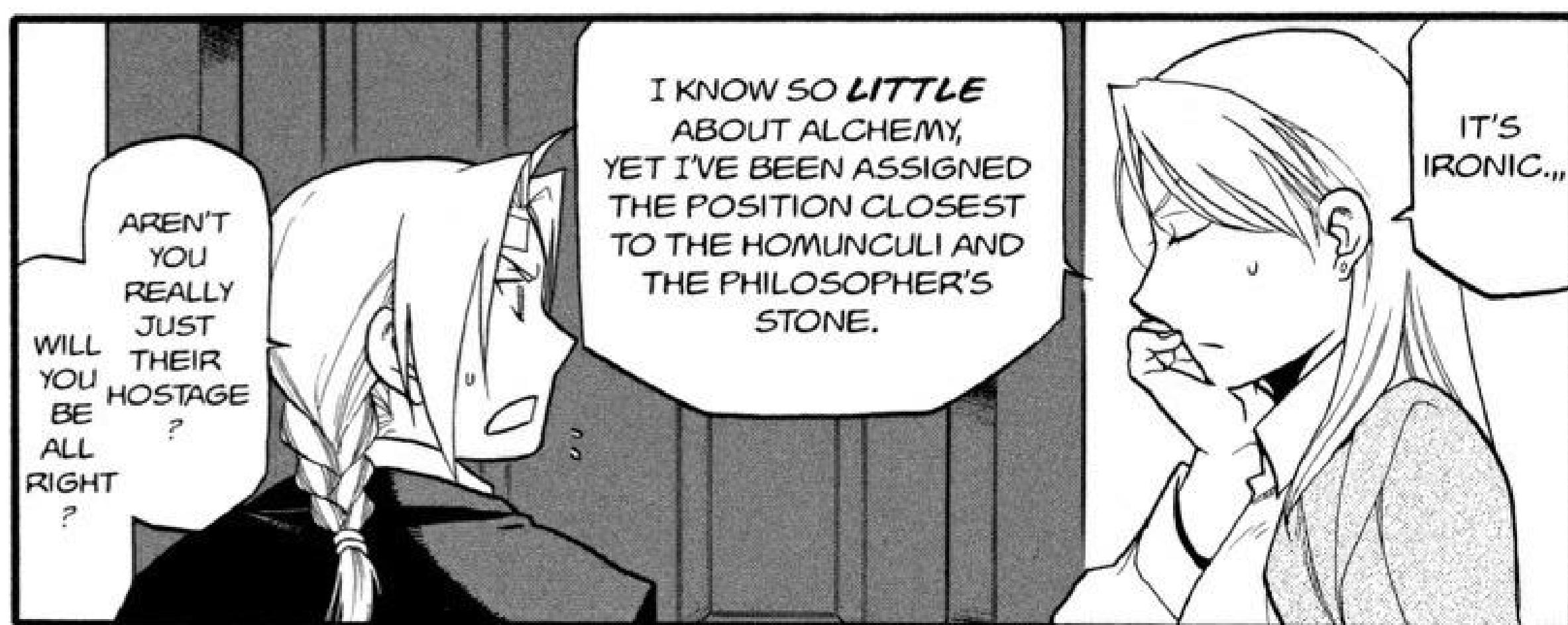
YOU'RE
KIND OF
LIKE THAT
TOO,
AREN'T
YOU, ED?

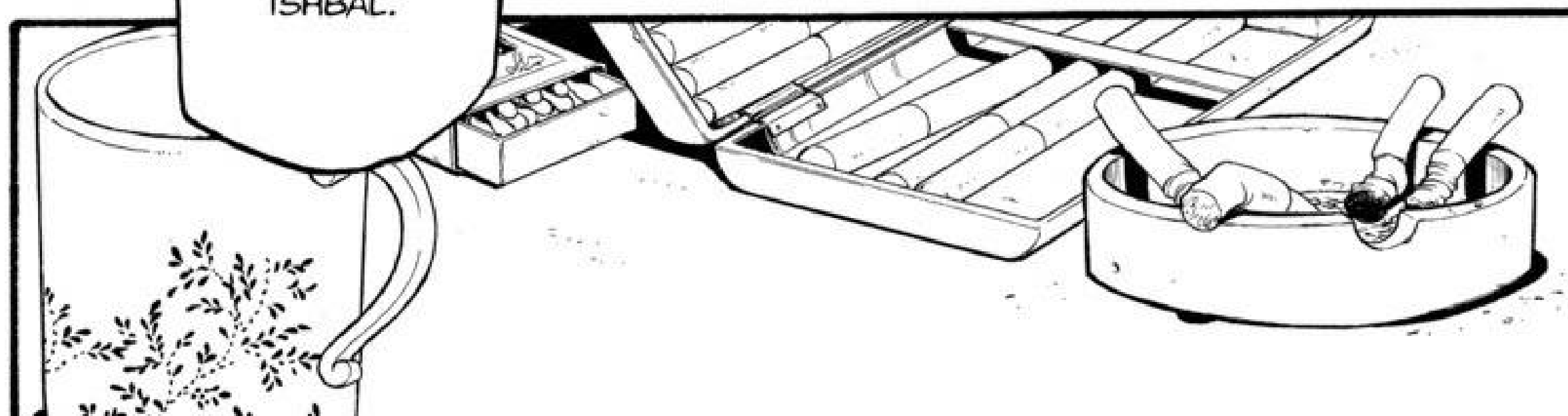
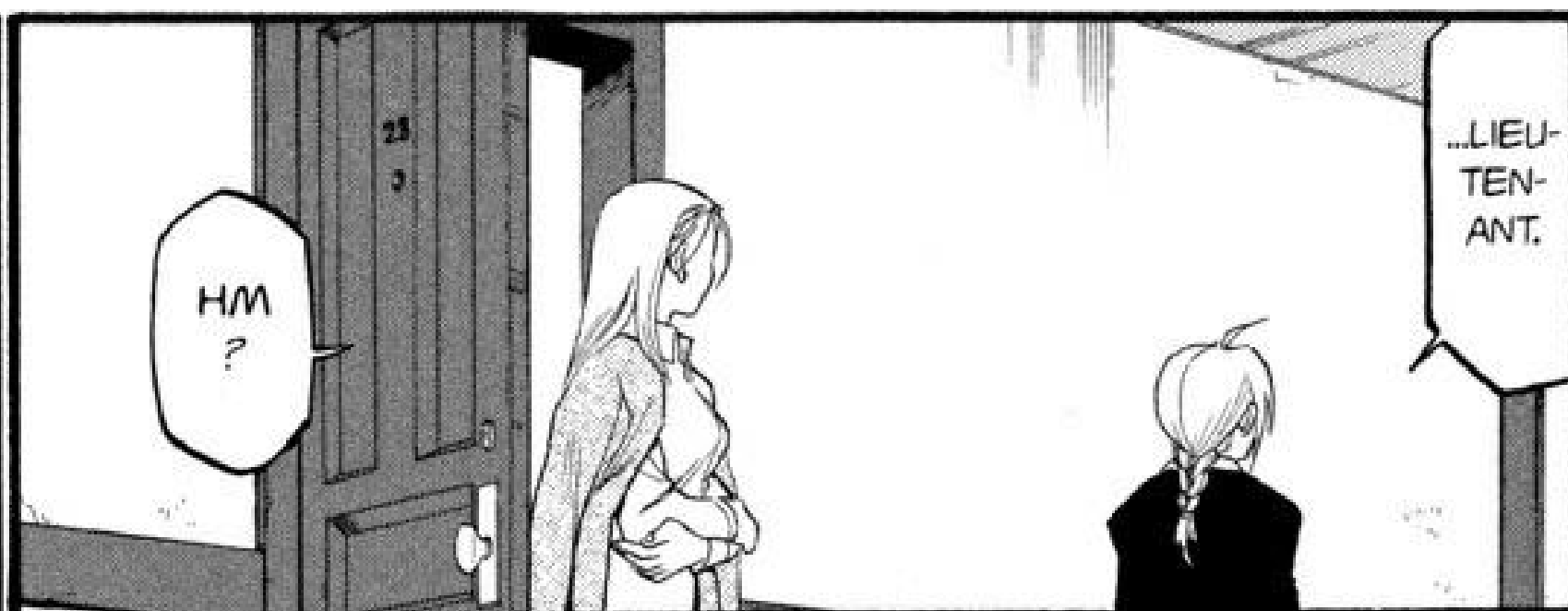


THERE
MUST
BE MANY
PEOPLE
WHO
CAN'T WAIT
FOR THE
DAY YOU
SUCCEED.

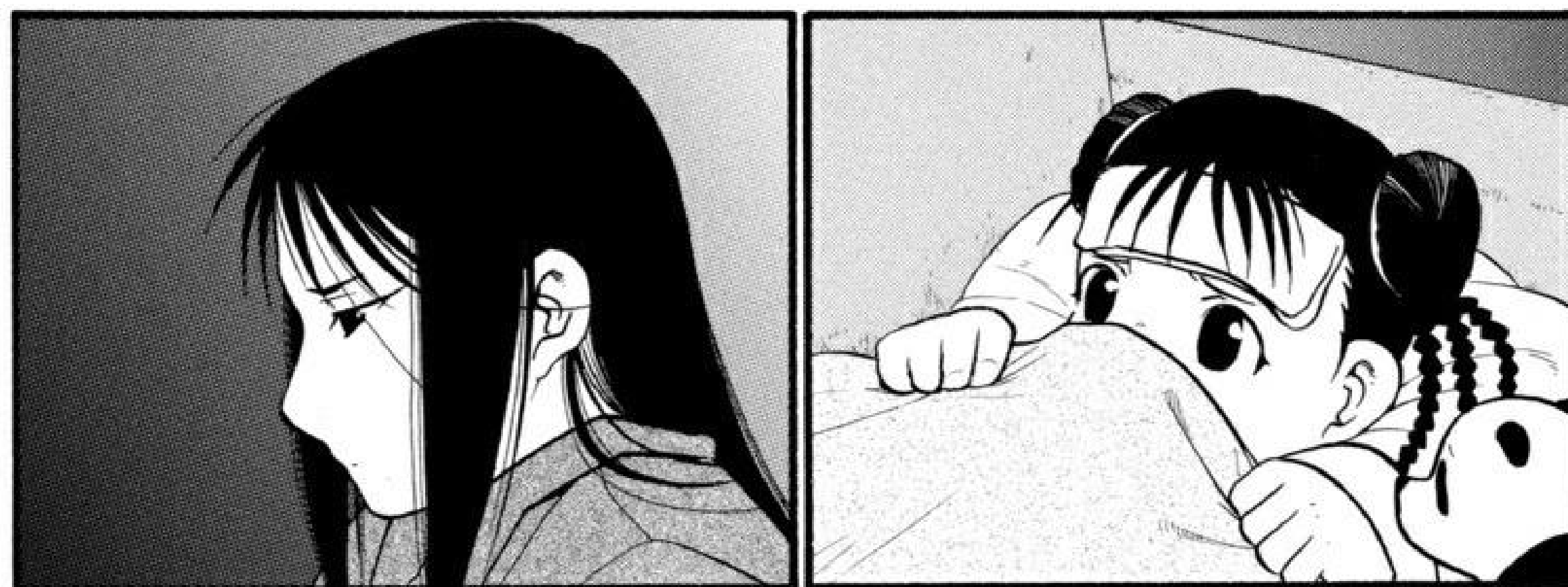
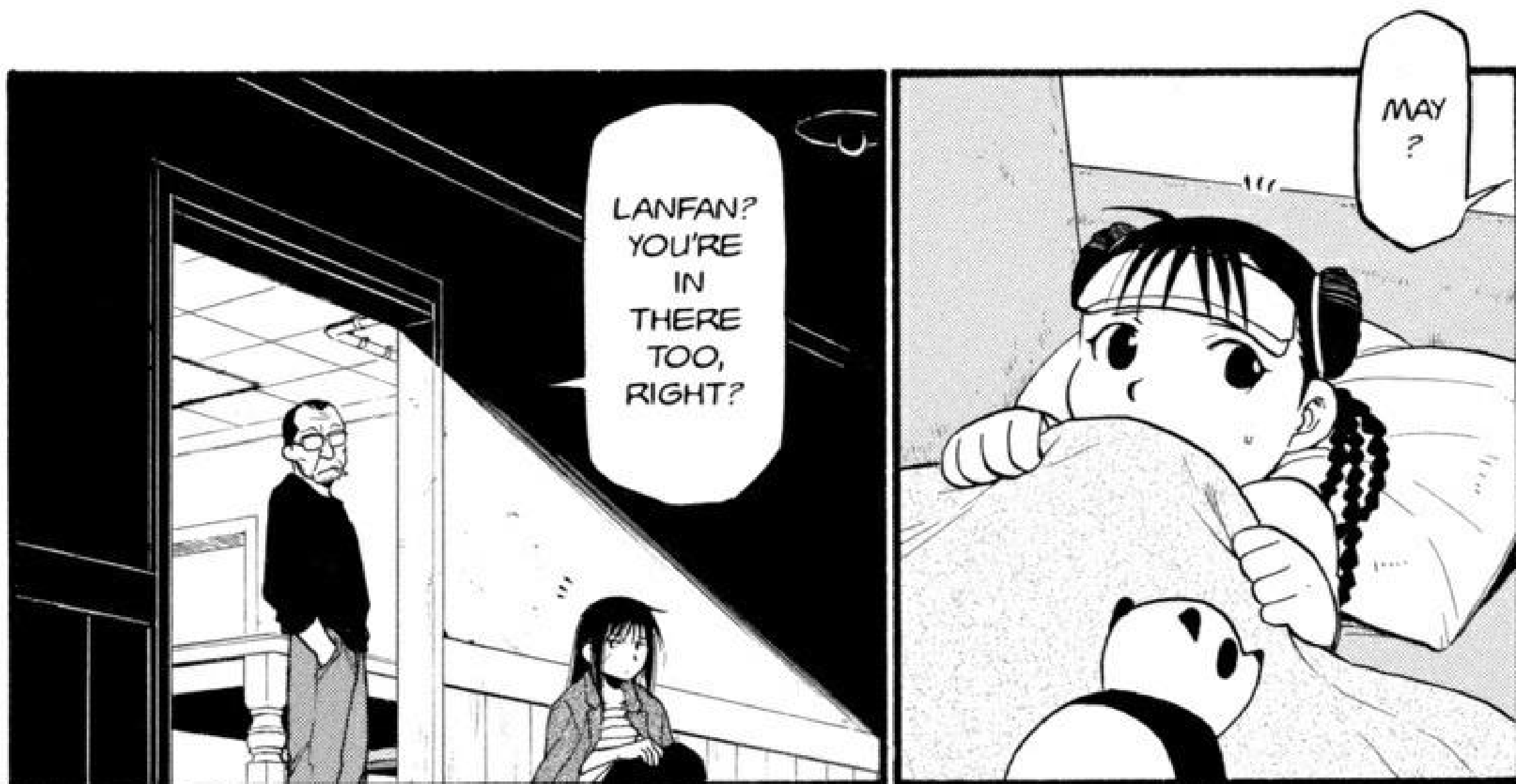


LIKE
GETTING
BACK
YOUR AND
ALPHONSE'S
ORIGINAL
BODIES.

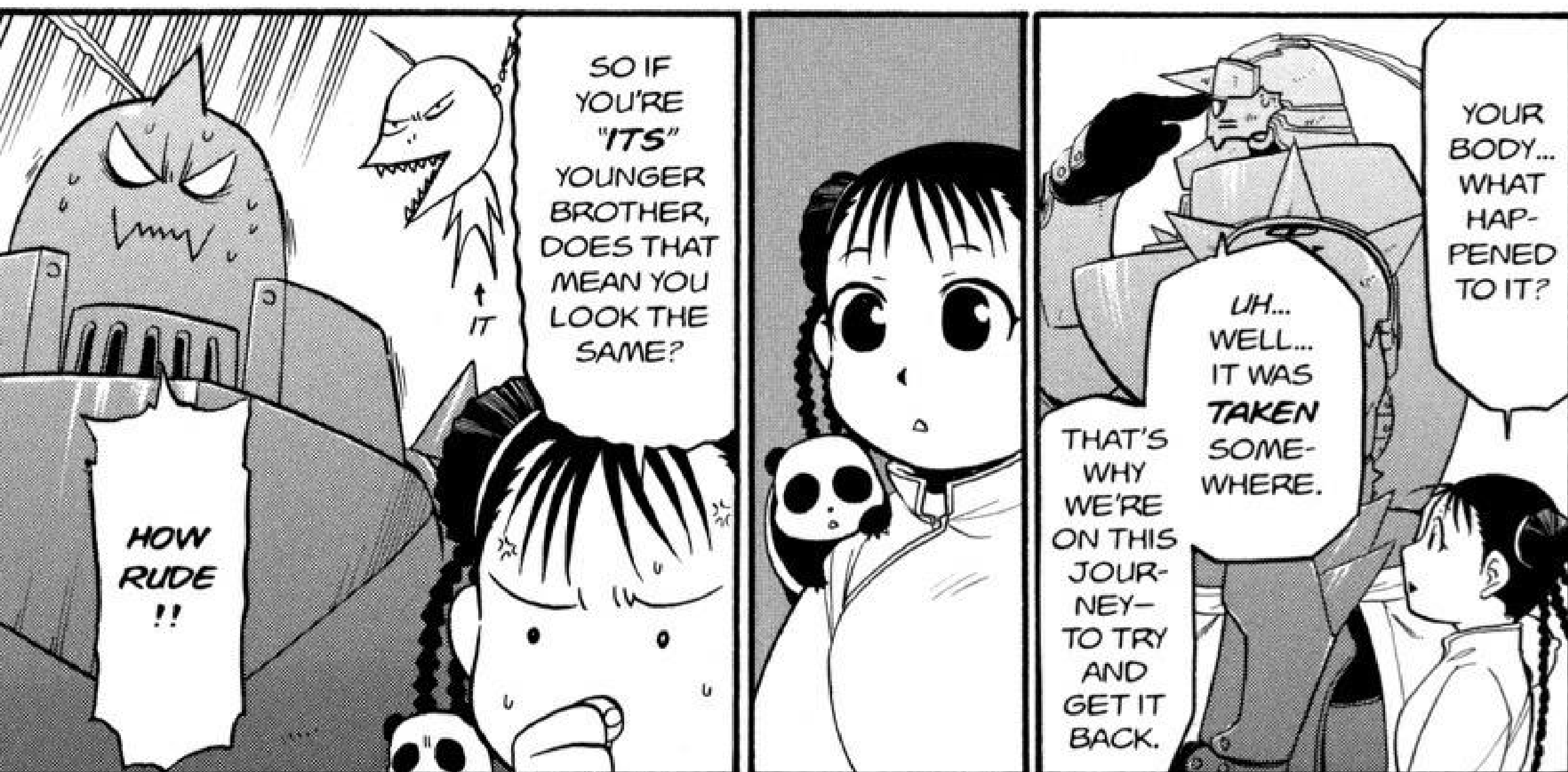


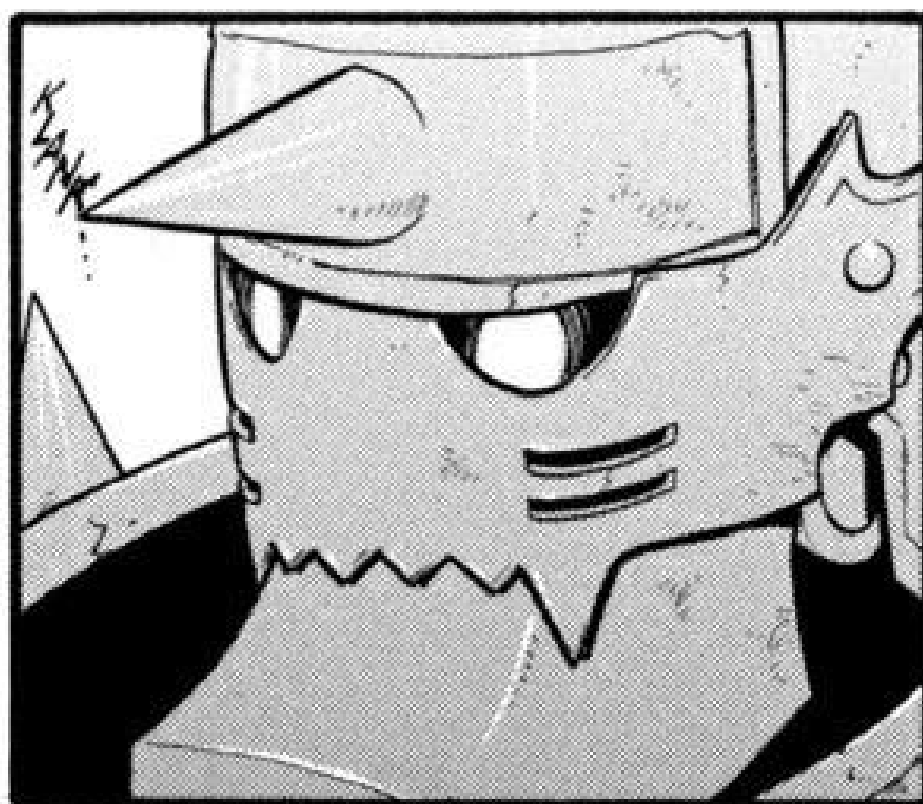
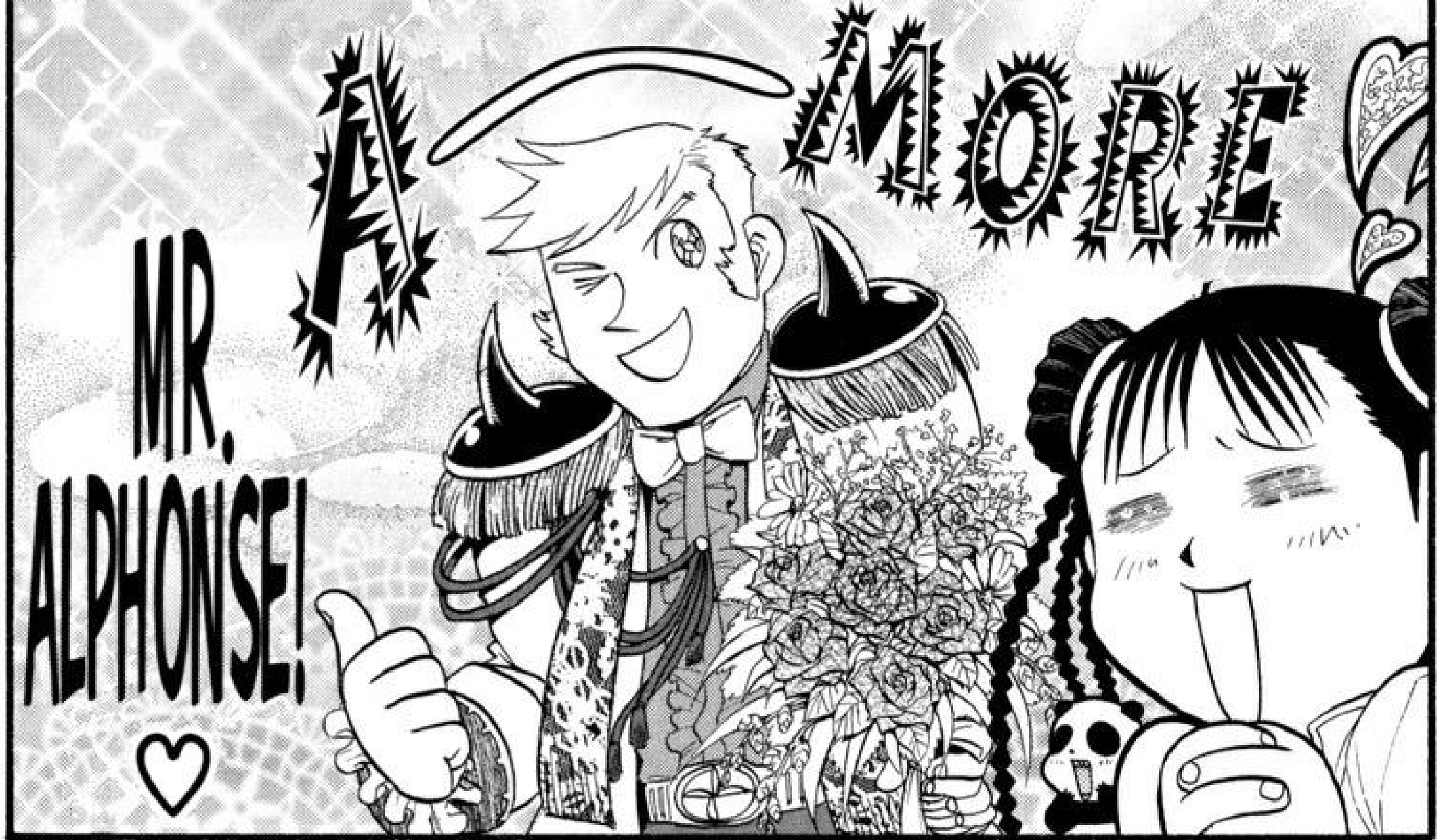






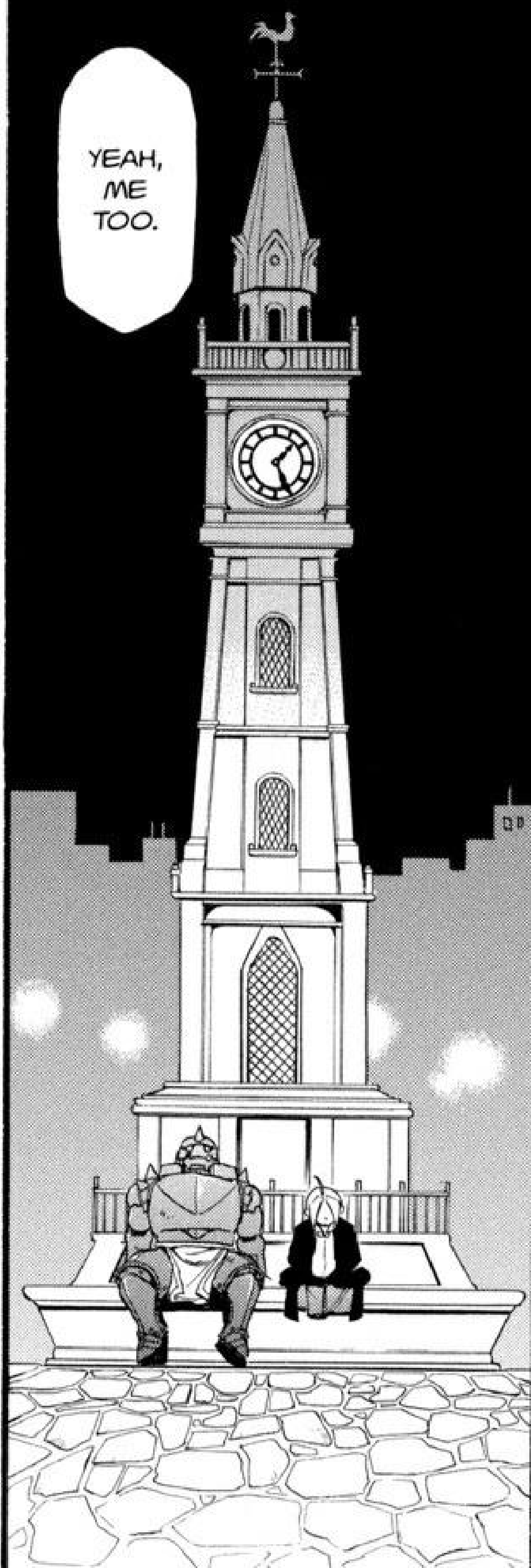






I FEEL
PRETTY
DOWN
AFTER
HEARING
STORIES
ABOUT
ISHBAL...

YEAH,
ME
TOO.



SO
HOW
DID
THINGS
END UP
LIKE
THIS
?

KLANK

I STUDIED
ALCHEMY
BECAUSE I
WANTED TO
MAKE MOM
HAPPY.



IF MOM
COULD SEE
US NOW, I
BET SHE'D
BE REALLY
DISAP-
POINTED...



AL
!

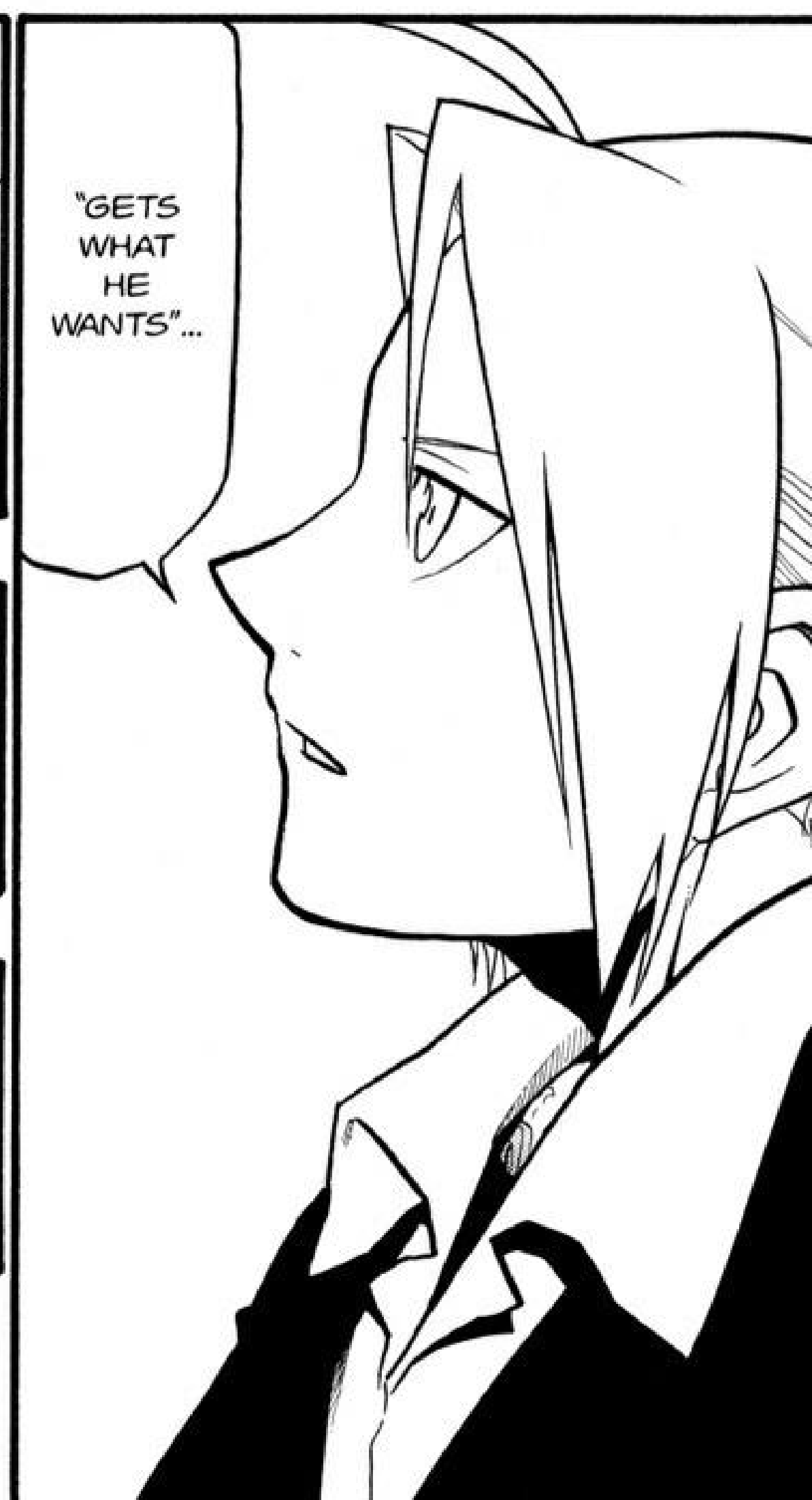
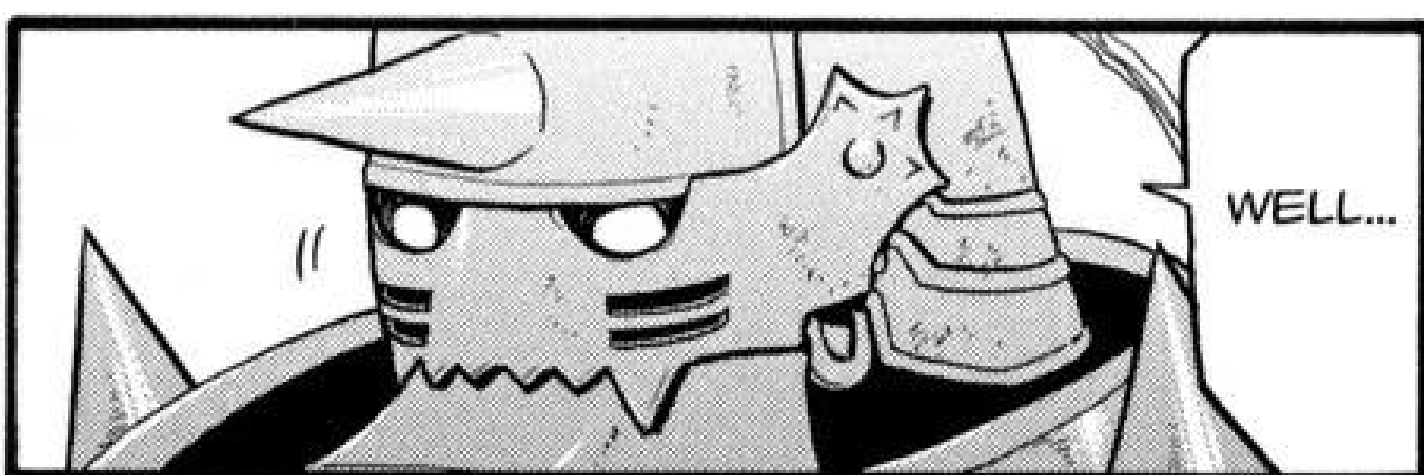
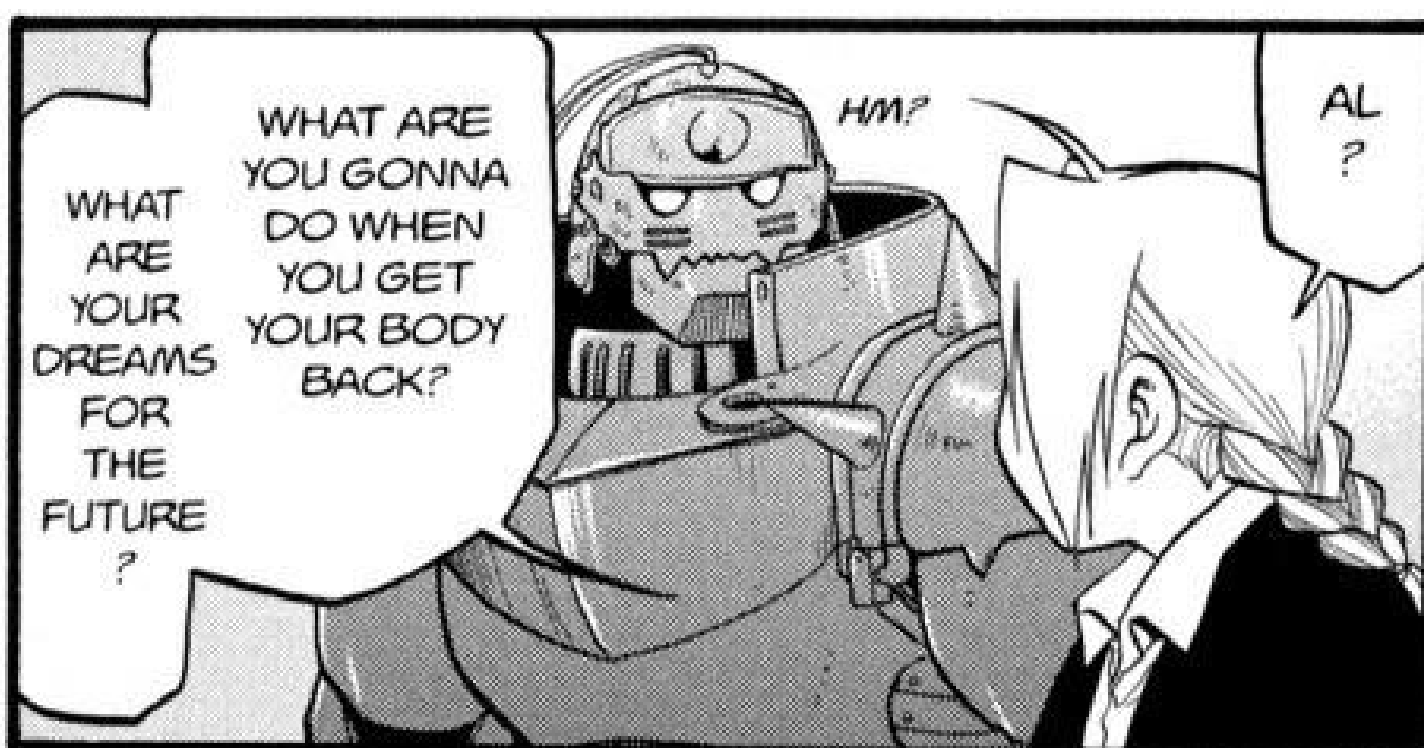
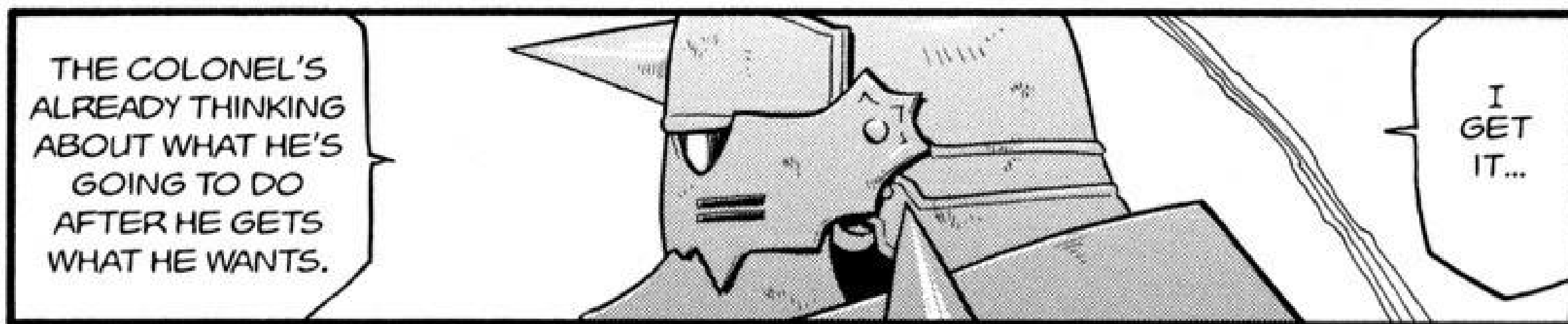
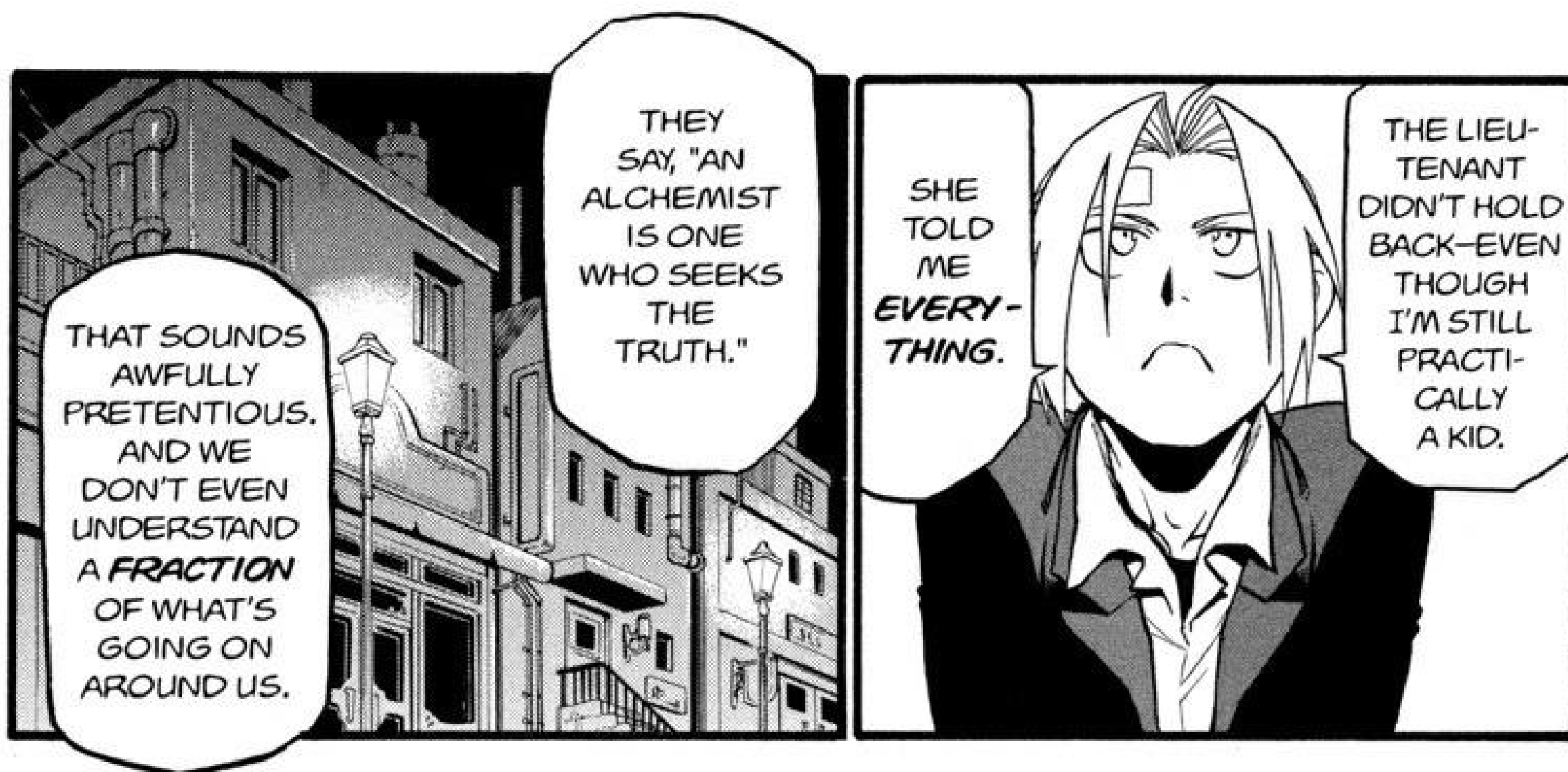


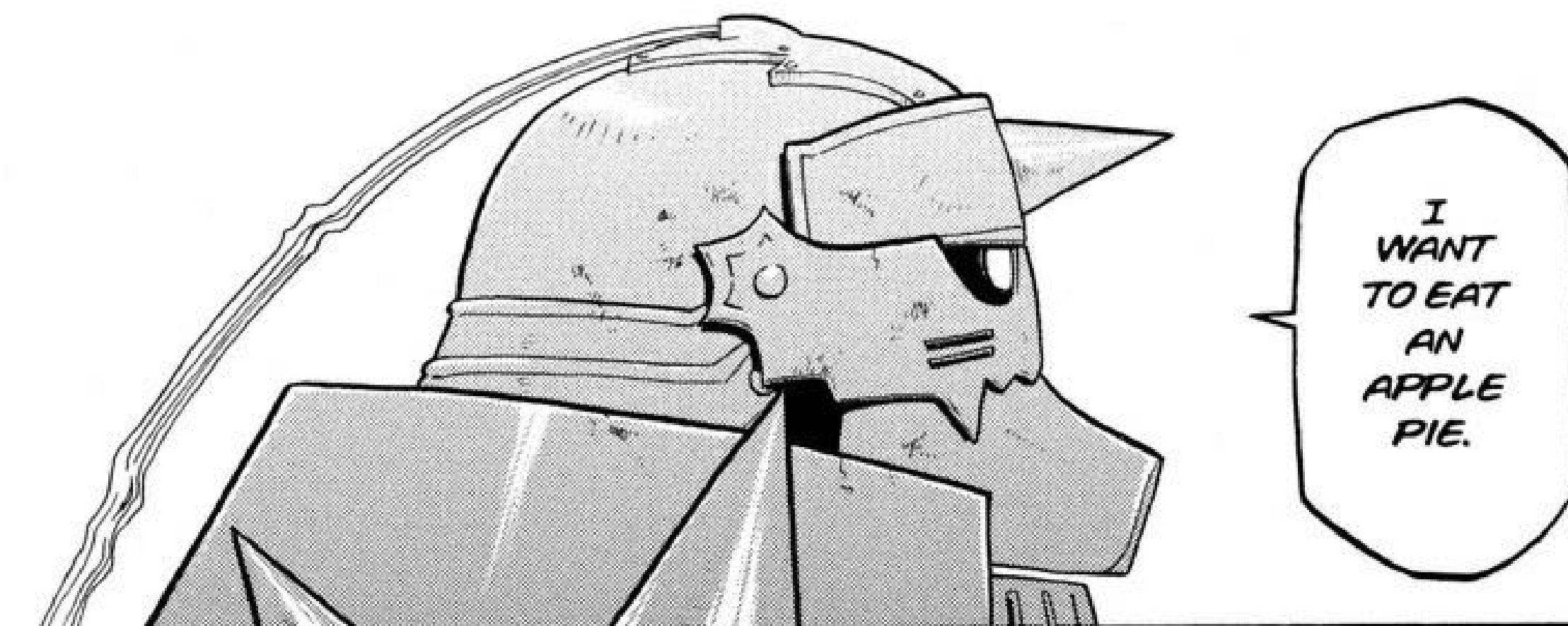
I WAS
ON MY
WAY TO
DR. KNOX'S
PLACE.

I'M
GLAD
WE
DIDN'T
MISS
EACH
OTHER
!

BIG
BRO'
WHAT'S
! THE
MATTER
?







I
WANT
TO EAT
AN
APPLE
PIE.



HAH! THAT'S
LIKE A
GIRL'S
DREAM!!

YOU
PROMISED
YOU
WOULDN'T
LAUGH!!

NYA HA!!
ARE YOU A GIRL?
MRS. AL?



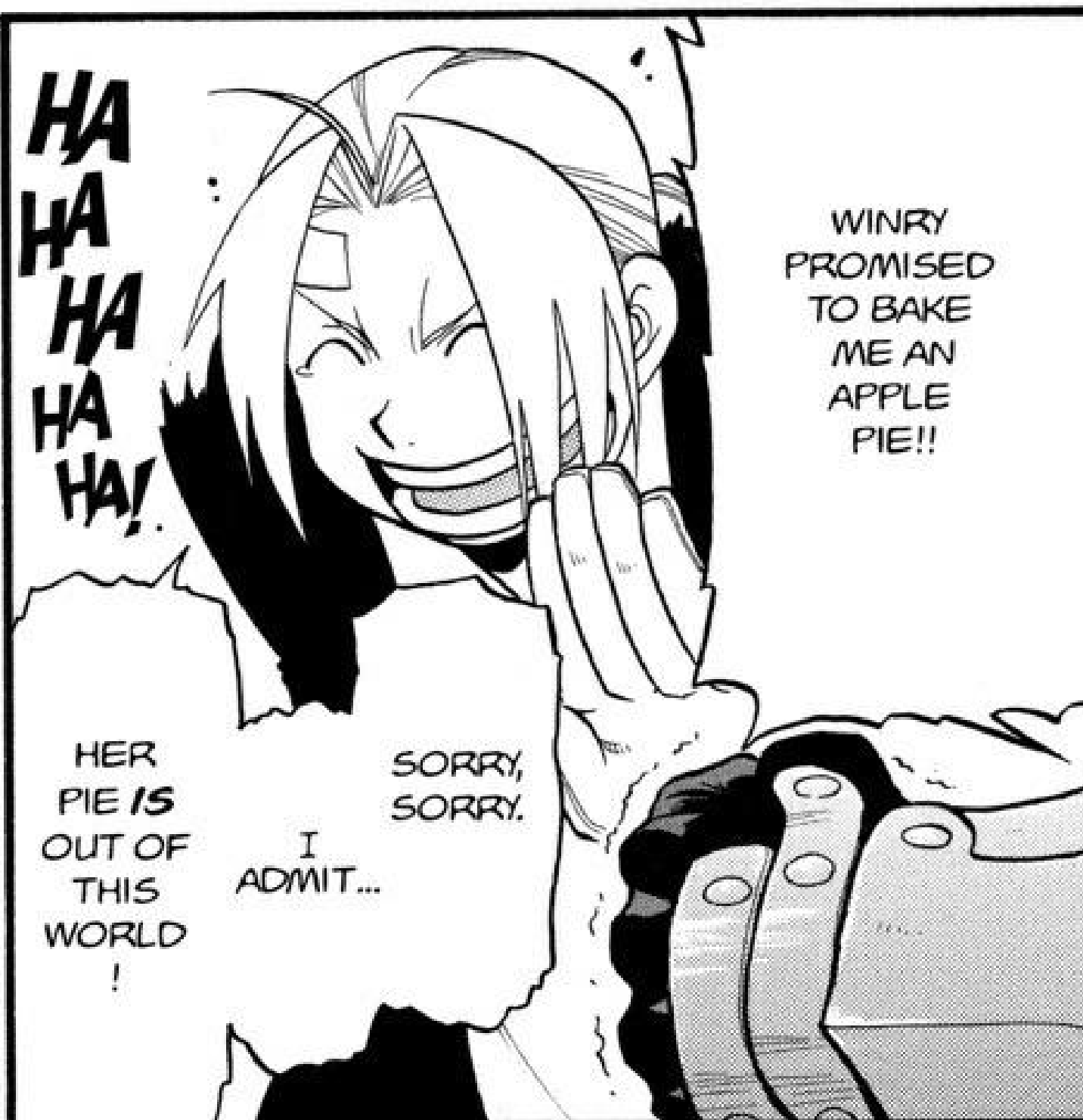
PEH!



HMM...

...AFTER
YOU GET
YOUR
ORIGINAL
BODY
BACK!?

SO
WHAT
ARE
YOU
GOING
TO DO,
BIG
BROTHER...



HA
HA
HA
HA
HA!

HER
PIE IS
OUT OF
THIS
WORLD
!

SORRY,
SORRY.

I
ADMIT...

WINRY
PROMISED
TO BAKE
ME AN
APPLE
PIE!!



AFTER ALL,
SHE HAS
BEEN
HELPING
US OUT
A LOT
LATELY.

OH.
YOU'RE
RIGHT.

I GUESS THE
FIRST THING
I'D DO IS HEAD
TO RESEMBOOL
AND SAY HELLO
TO OUR TEACHER,
JUST TO LET
HER KNOW
WE'RE OKAY.

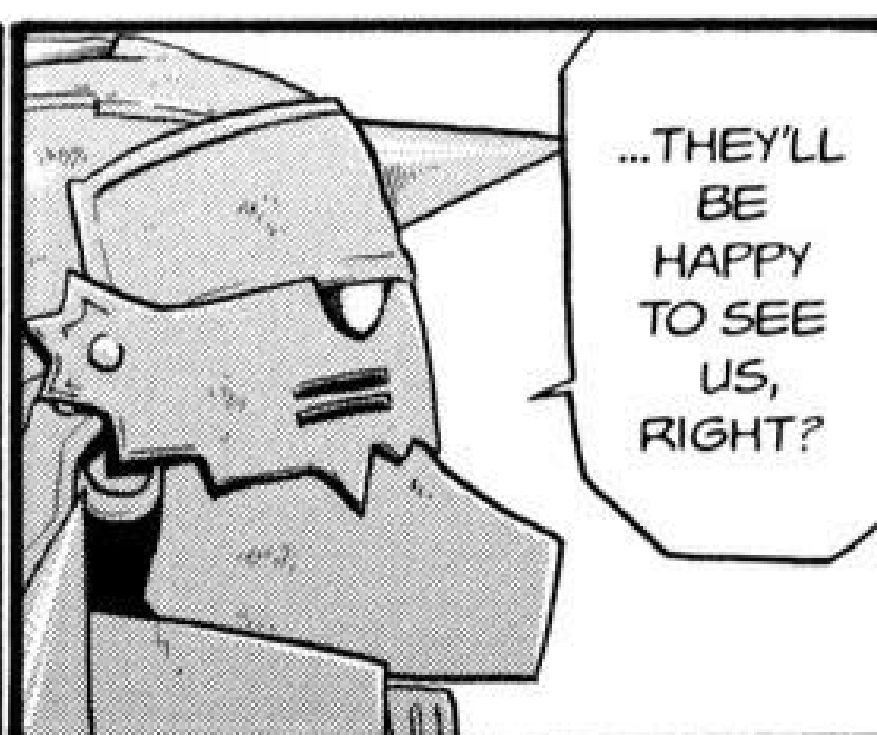


I'VE
BEEN SO
OBSESSED
WITH FINDING
THE WAY TO
DO IT, I
HAVEN'T EVEN
THOUGHT
ABOUT
AFTER-
WARDS.



YUP.

BUT SHE'LL
PROBABLY
GIVE US A
BEATING.



...THEY'LL
BE
HAPPY
TO SEE
US,
RIGHT?



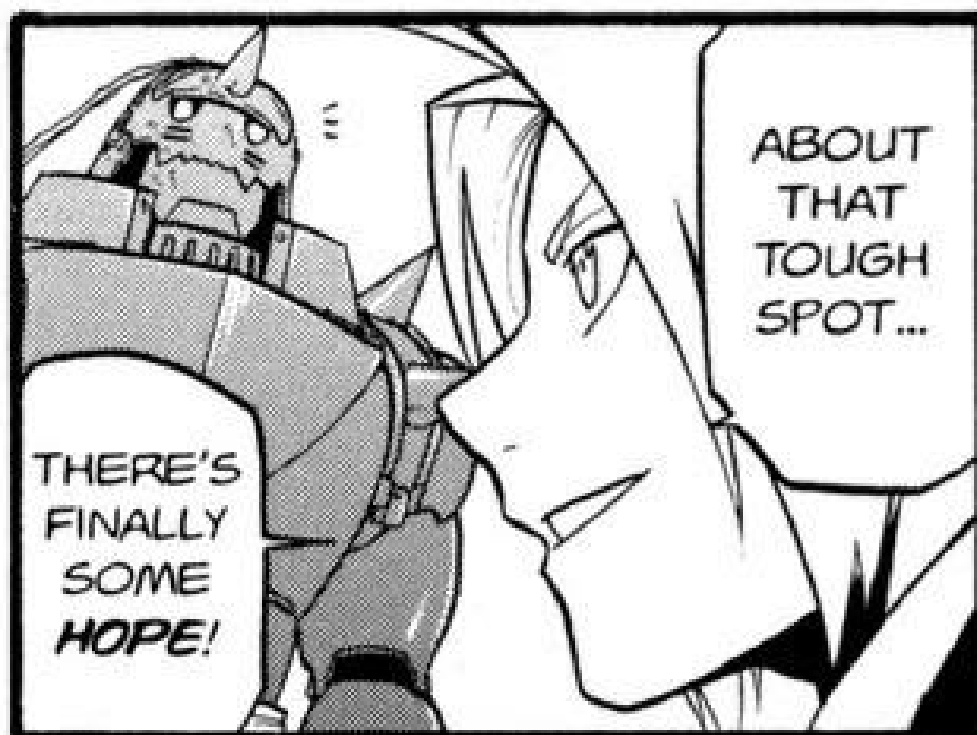
UH
HUH.

THEY'LL
BE ALL
SMILES...
...WON'T
THEY?



...BUT
I WANT
TO SEE
EVERYONE
SMILING.

I TOLD YOU
BEFORE THAT
I CAN'T WAIT
TO SEE YOUR
SMILING FACE
AGAIN...



THERE'S
FINALLY
SOME
HOPE!

ABOUT
THAT
TOUGH
SPOT...



HEH
HEH...

THINGS MAY
BE TOUGH
RIGHT NOW,
BUT THINKING
ABOUT THE
FUTURE
CHEERED
ME UP.



! THAT
LITTLE
GIRL
AND
SCAR!!

THAT'S
THEY RIGHT.
WERE
THE
ONLY
ONES
WHO
COULD.



UH-
HUH.

REMEMBER
WHEN
WE WERE
UNDER-
GROUND
BELOW
CENTRAL
CITY AND
COULDN'T
TRANS-
MUTE?

WELL, TURNS
OUT AT THAT
TIME, **NONE**
OF THE
ALCHEMISTS
ABOVE GROUND
COULD
TRANSMUTE
EITHER.



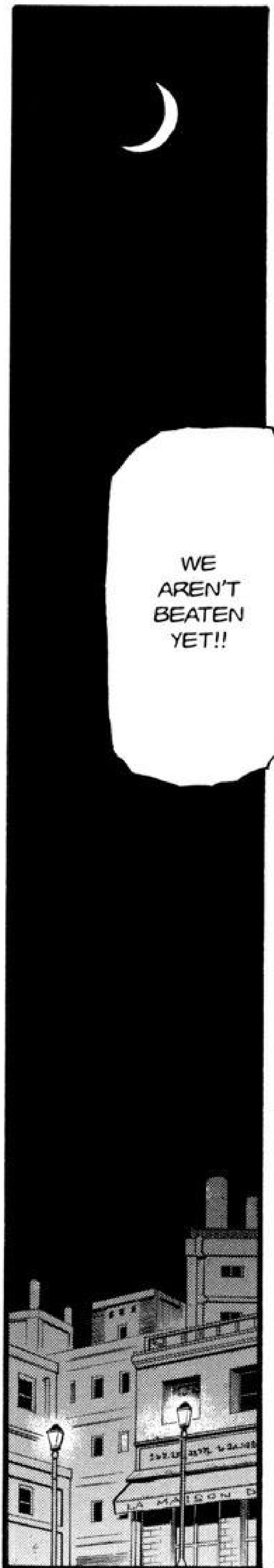
I HAVE
SOME
QUESTIONS
TO ASK
HER
TOMORROW
!

THE
PIP-
SQUEAK
IS AT
DR.
KNOX'S.



THERE
MUST BE
SOMETHING
DIFFERENT
ABOUT THEIR
ALCHEMY...

SOME-
THING
WE
DON'T
KNOW
ABOUT...





YOU
SON
OF A
BITCH
!!

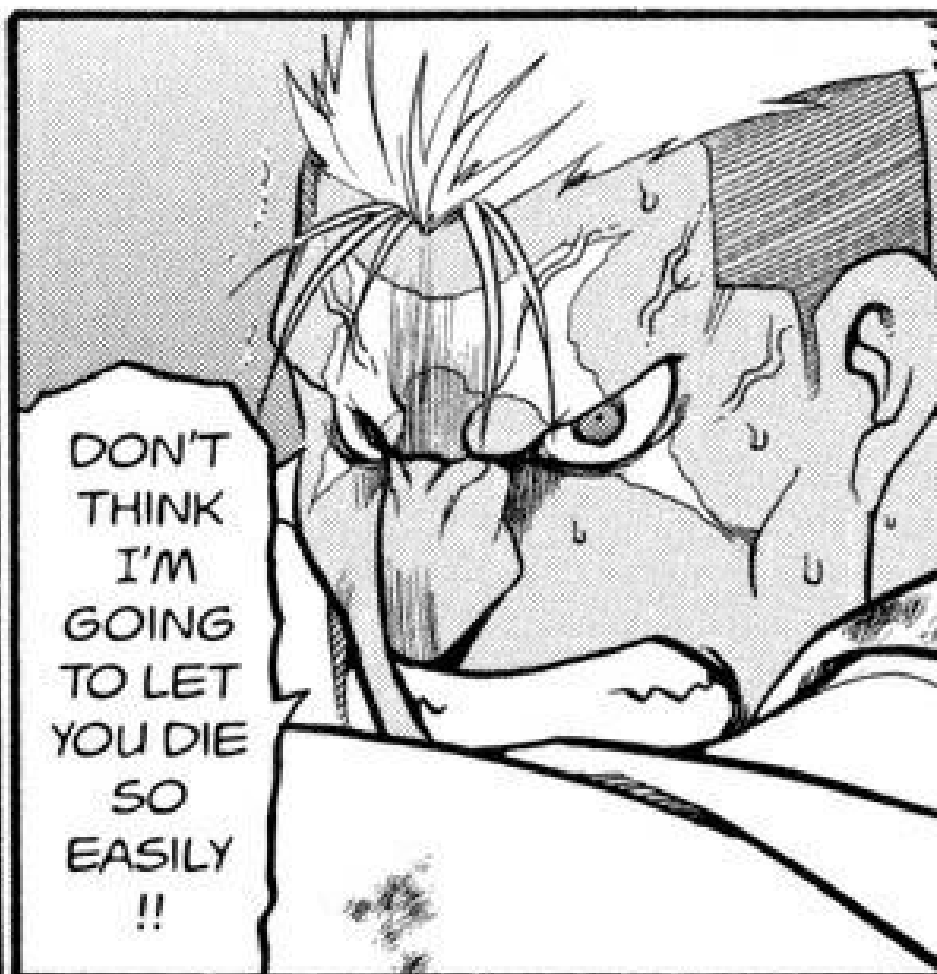


...WAS
CREATED
OUT OF
THE LIVES
OF OTHER
ISHBALANS
?

SO THE
STONE
USED
TO MAS-
SACRE
MY
PEOPLE...



YOU
FORCED
MY
COUNTRYMEN
TO KILL
THEIR
OWN
PEOPLE!!







HUH
!?

IF I *KILL*
YOU, THERE
WON'T
BE ANY
PROBLEM,
RIGHT?



NO! I'VE
ALREADY
TOLD YOU,
I CAN'T
LEAVE!

GOOD.
NOW
I'M
BREAK-
ING
YOU
OUT.



...I'LL
TRY.



TAKE
OFF
YOUR
CLOTHES.



...HUH
!?



...HUH
?

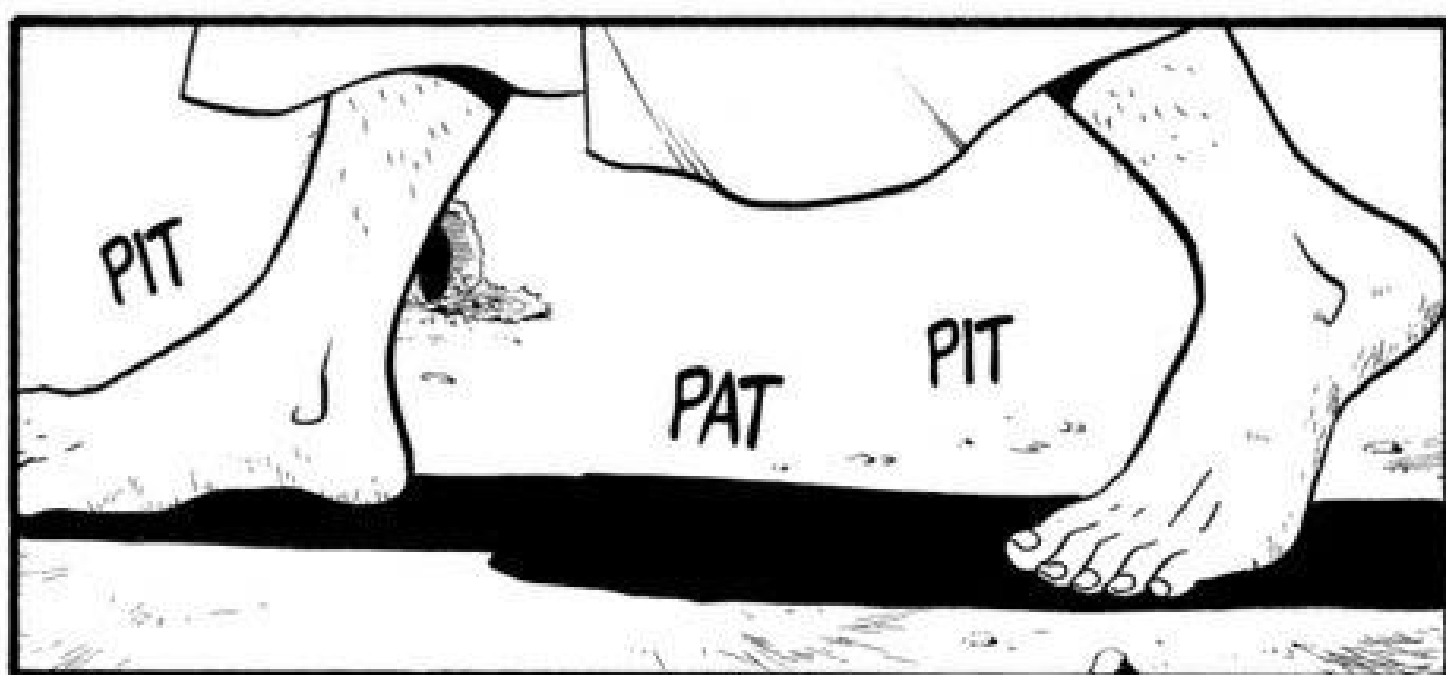


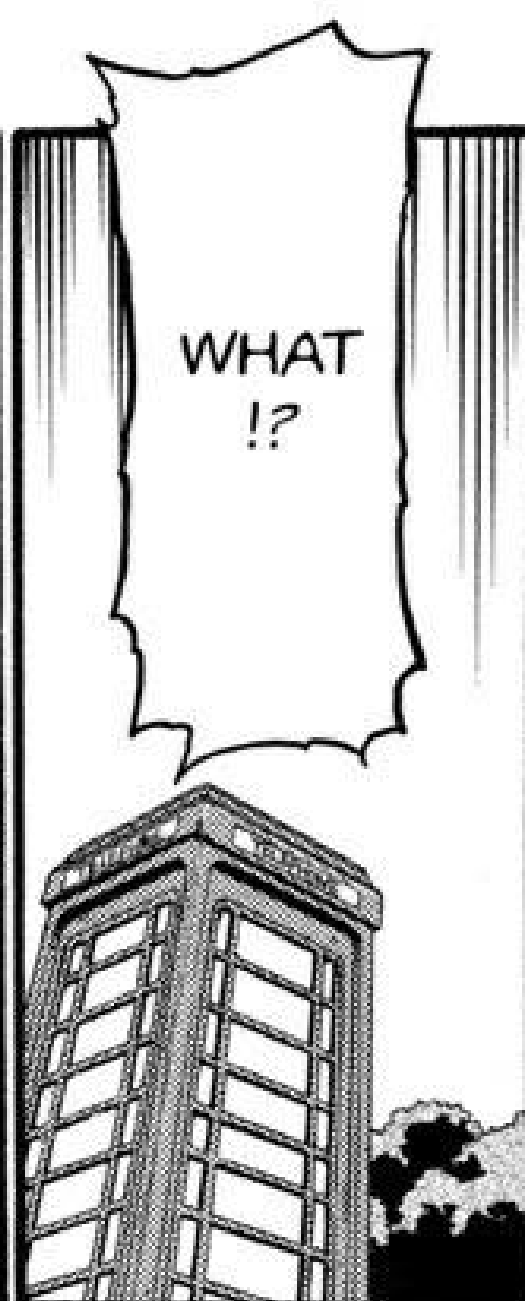
TIME
FOR
YOUR...

HEY,
DOC.











I'LL NEVER FORGET WHAT YOU'VE DONE FOR ME.

BOW BOW

WHAT? YOU'RE LEAVING ALREADY? YOU SHOULD REST A BIT LONGER.



ANYWAY, I NEED TO MAKE SURE MY COMPANION IS SAFE.

I CAN'T INCONVENIENCE YOU ANY FURTHER.

"COM-PANION"?



THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP, DR. KNOX.



HIS NAME IS *MR. SCAR*. HE HAS AN X-SHAPED SCAR ON HIS FOREHEAD.



I'LL BE FINE. I'M GOING NOW.

DON'T DO IT!! DON'T GET INVOLVED WITH HIM!!

PIP

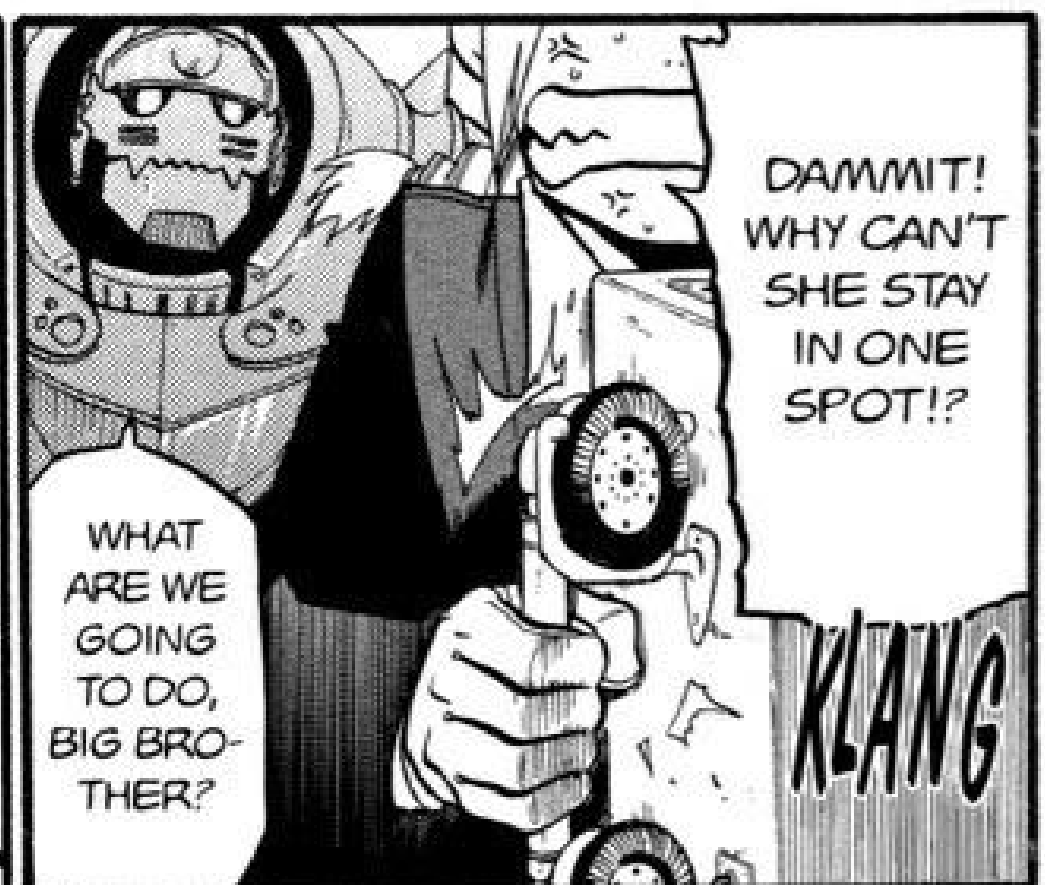


HE'S A GOOD PERSON.

HUH?



YOU'RE TRAVELING WITH A SERIAL KILLER !!?





CALM
DOWN,
DUMMY
!!

WHAT'S
THE USE
OF HAVING
MONEY
AND
POWER
IF YOU
DON'T
USE IT
!?!

THAT
WOULD
BE AN
ABUSE
OF
POWER
!!

I'LL
ORDER
A BLITZ-
KRIEG
ON THAT
LITTLE
MOUSE
!!

MY
RANK'S
EQUIVALENT
TO A
MAJOR!
I'LL USE
MY POWER
TO MOBILIZE
THE
ARMY!!



OH, MY.
HE
SURE
IS A
SPEC-
TACLE.

TEE
HEE

MOMMY,
LOOK
AT THE
FUNNY
GUY IN
THE
ARMOR
!

PST

NOW WE
BETTER
SETTLE
DOWN AND
MAKE SURE
WE DON'T
ATTRACT
ANY MORE
ATTENTION
!

HMPH!!
I'M
ALWAYS
COOL-
HEADED
!

PST

GOOD
JOB, AL! RRGH!
I KNEW YOU'RE
I COULD RIGHT
DEPEND
ON YOU TO
KEEP A
COOL
HEAD!!

WE'VE GOTTA
AVOID DOING
ANYTHING
THAT'LL ATTRACT
ATTENTION TO
US! THE
PRESIDENT'S
GOT HIS EYE ON
US AS IT IS!

PST WHSP PST



HUH
?

MR. SCAR-
I HOPE
YOU'RE ALL
RIGHT...



HE IS
NOT OUR
COMPAN-
ION!

DO WE
HAVE A
NEW TRAVEL-
ING COMPAN-
ION?

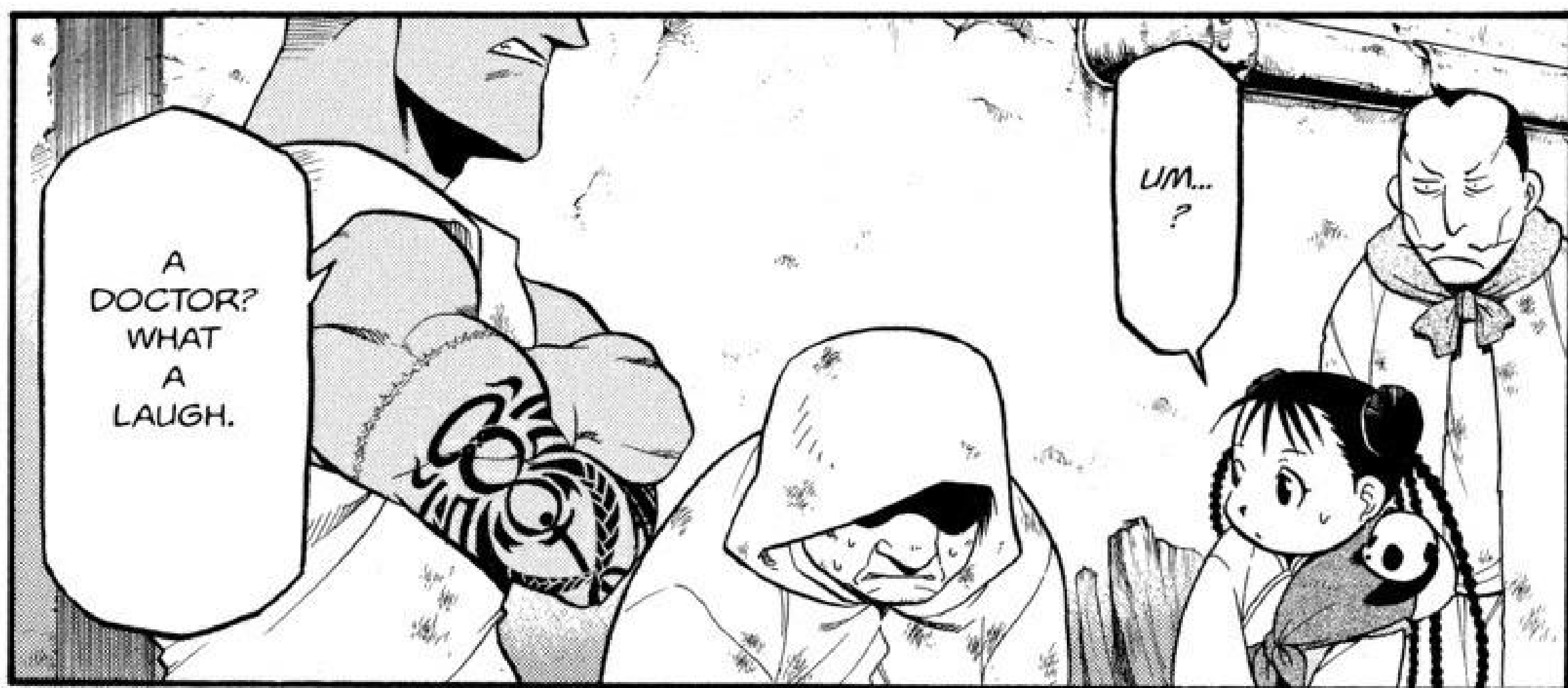
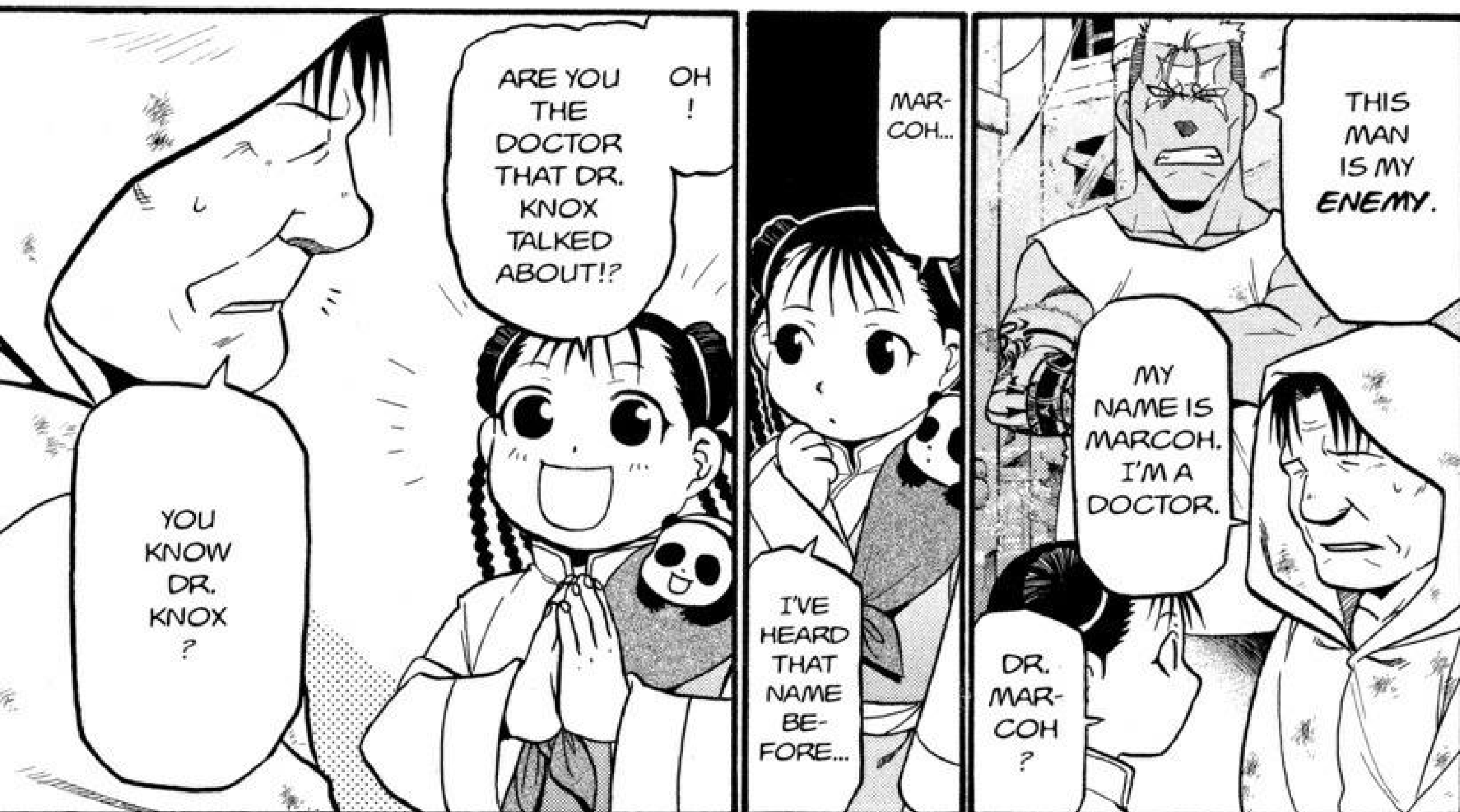


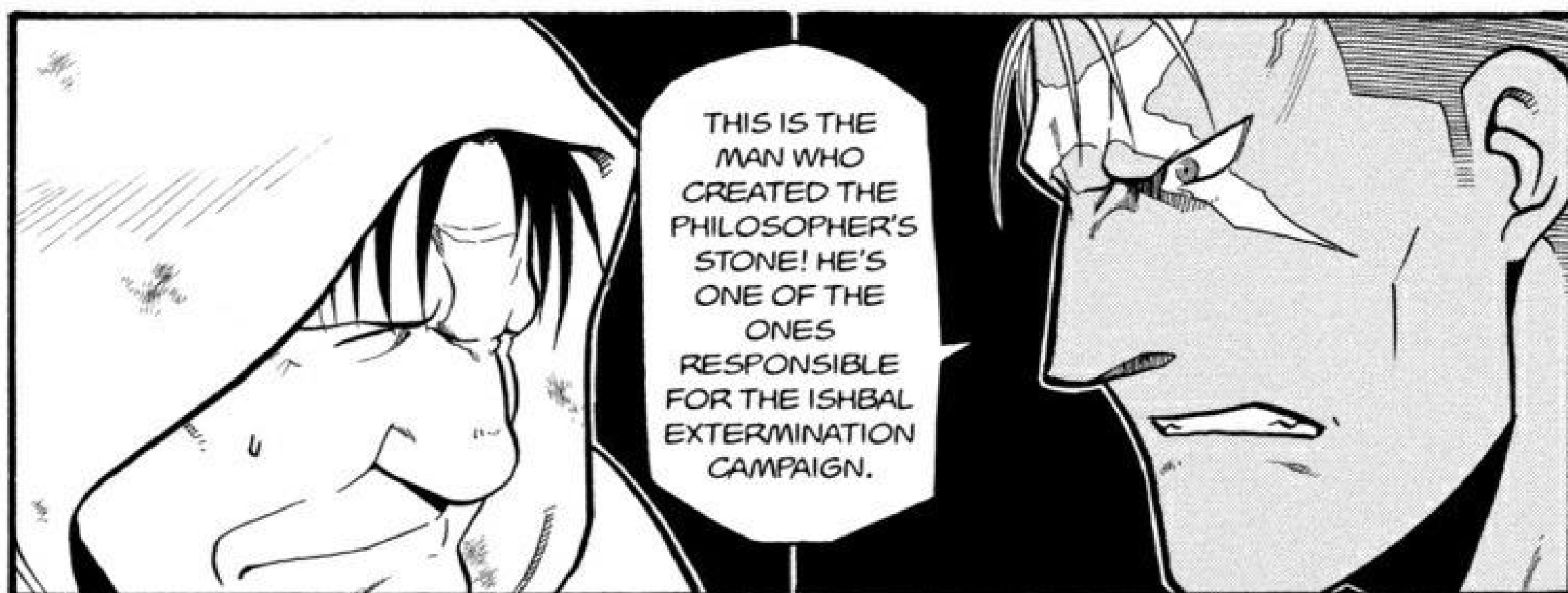
I'M
BACK

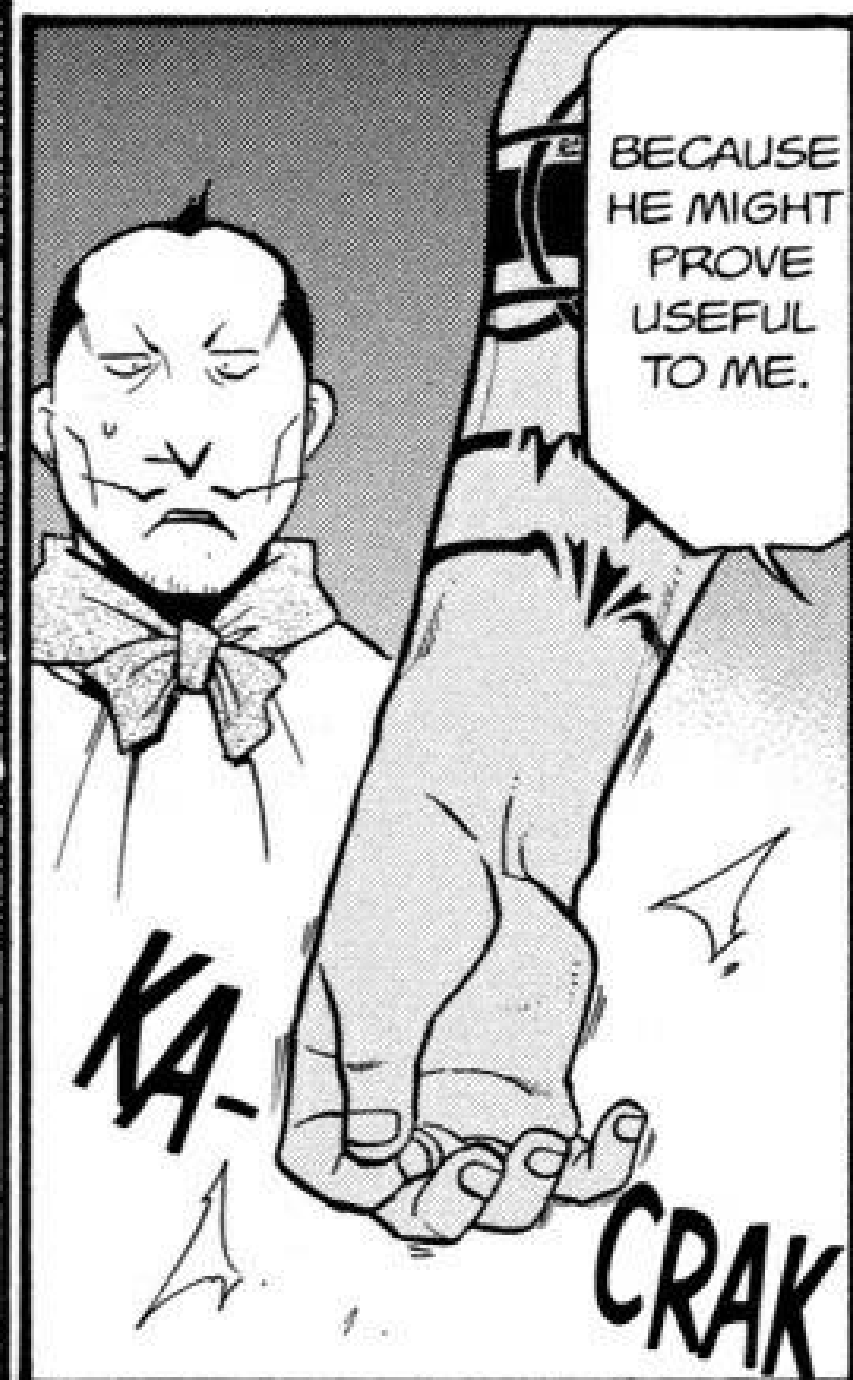
SIR!
THAT
GIRL
HAS
RETURNED.

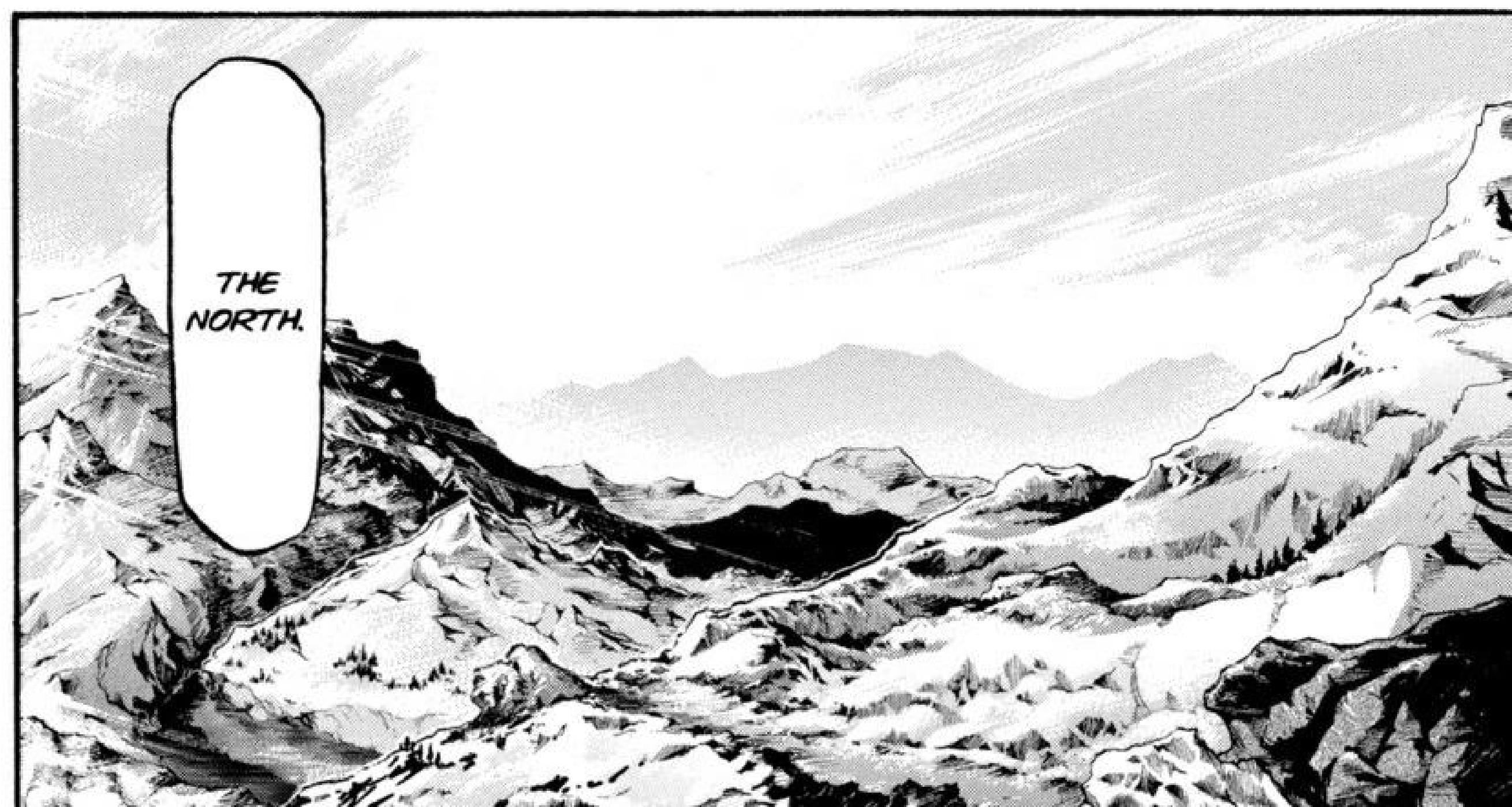
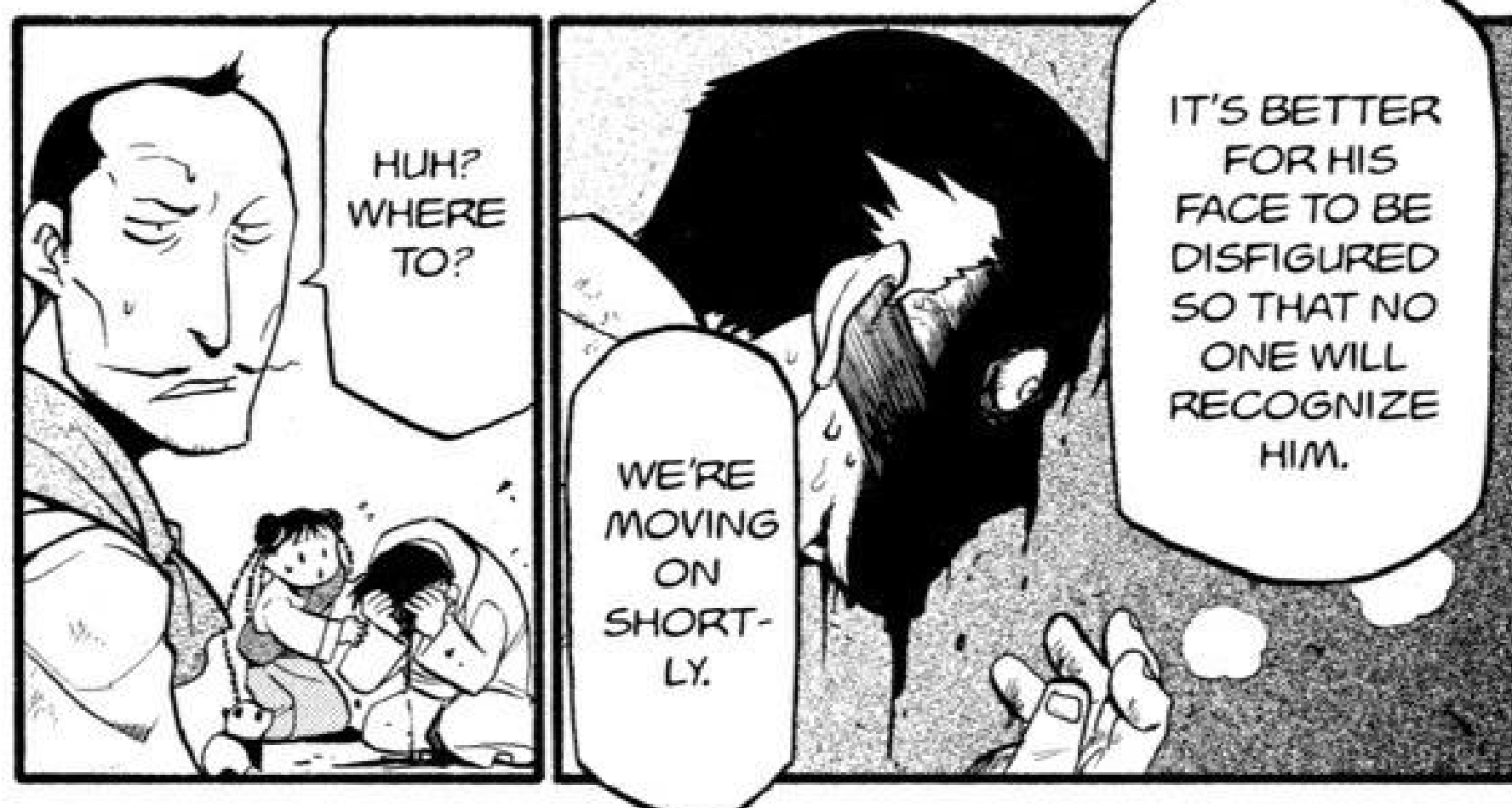


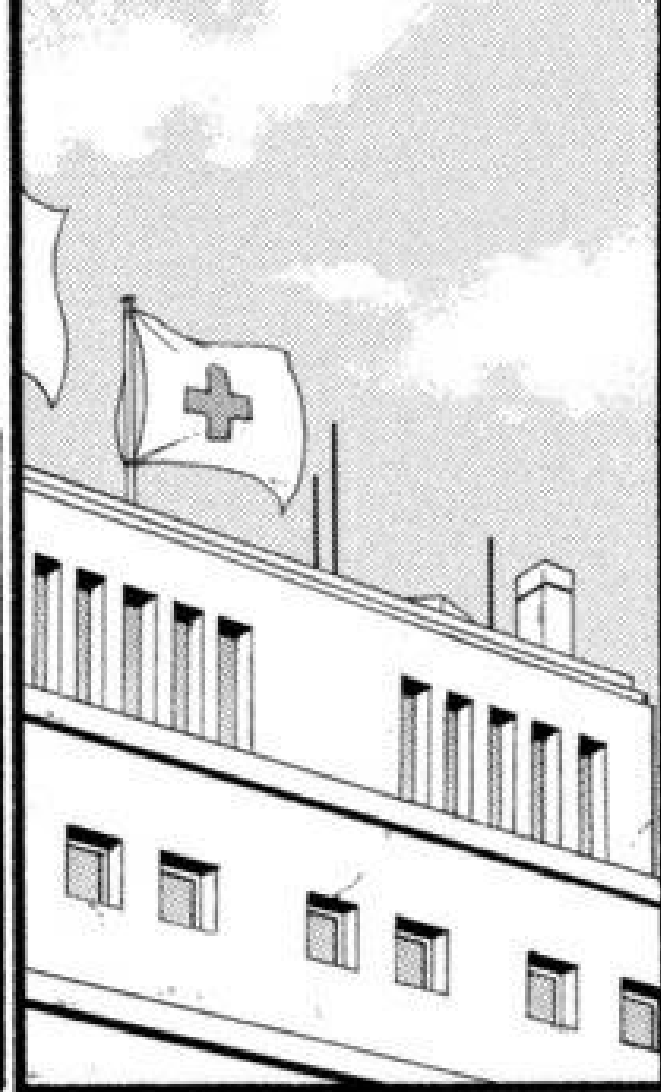
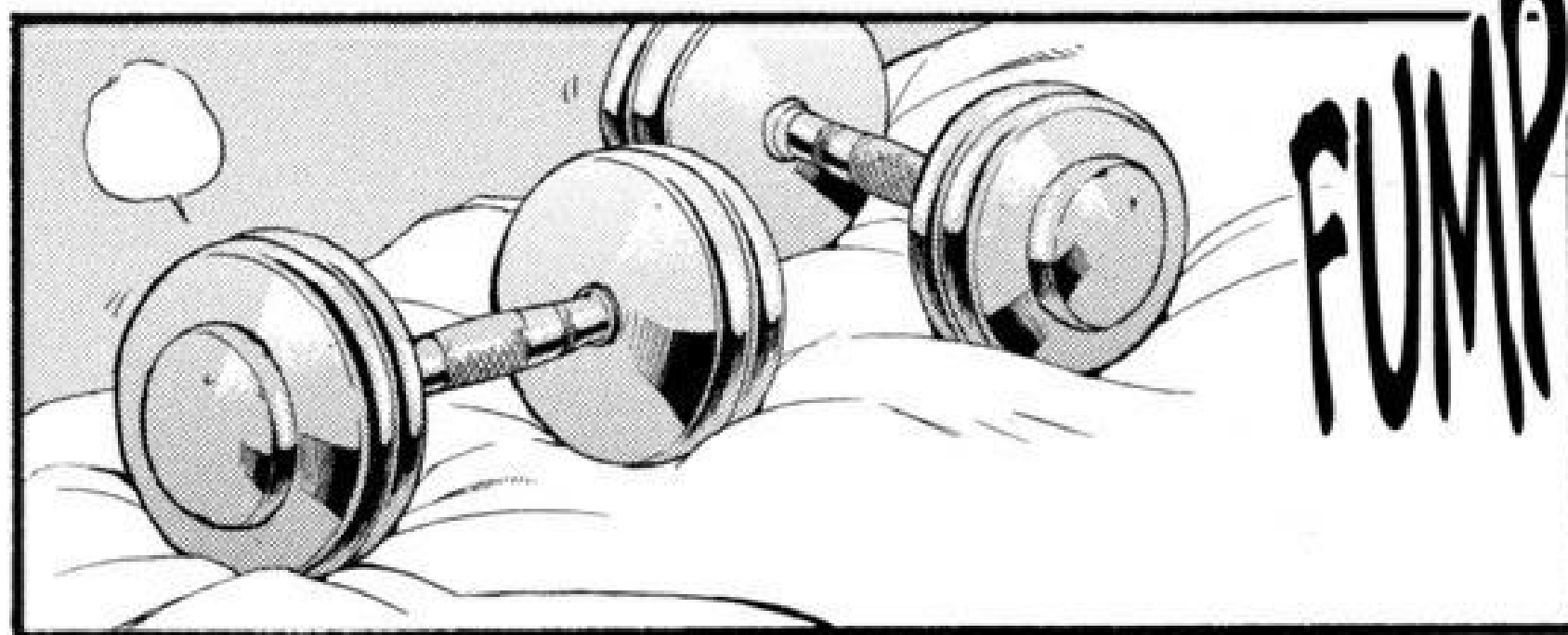
OH
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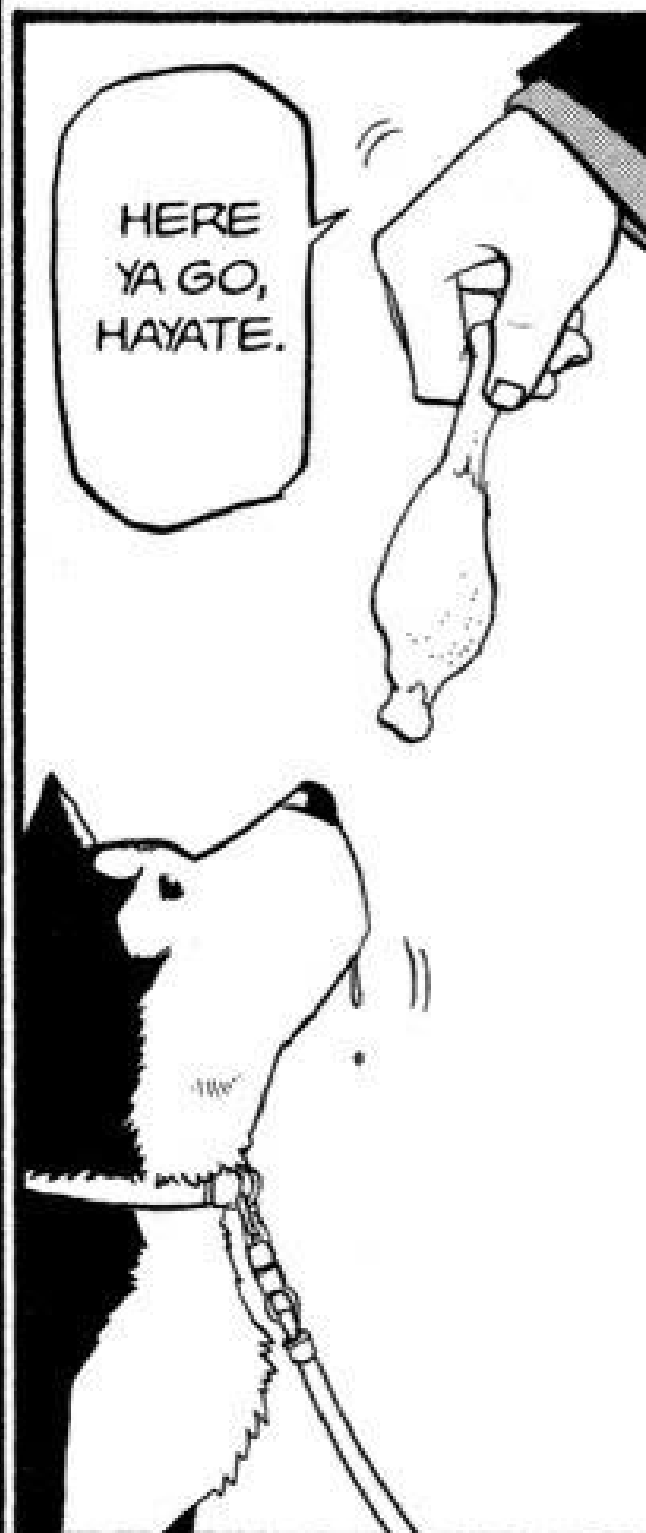


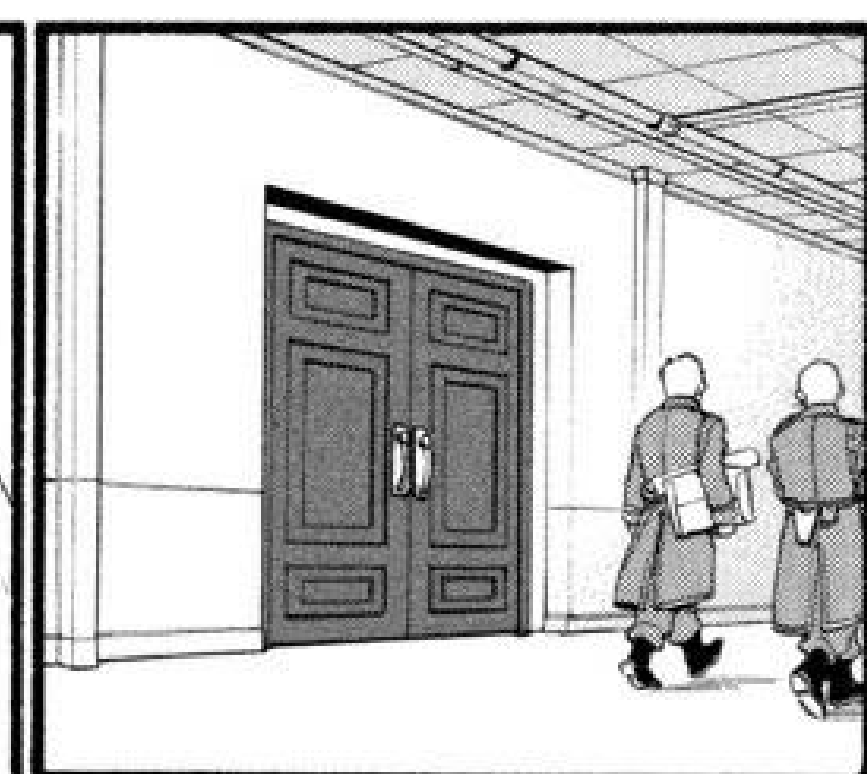
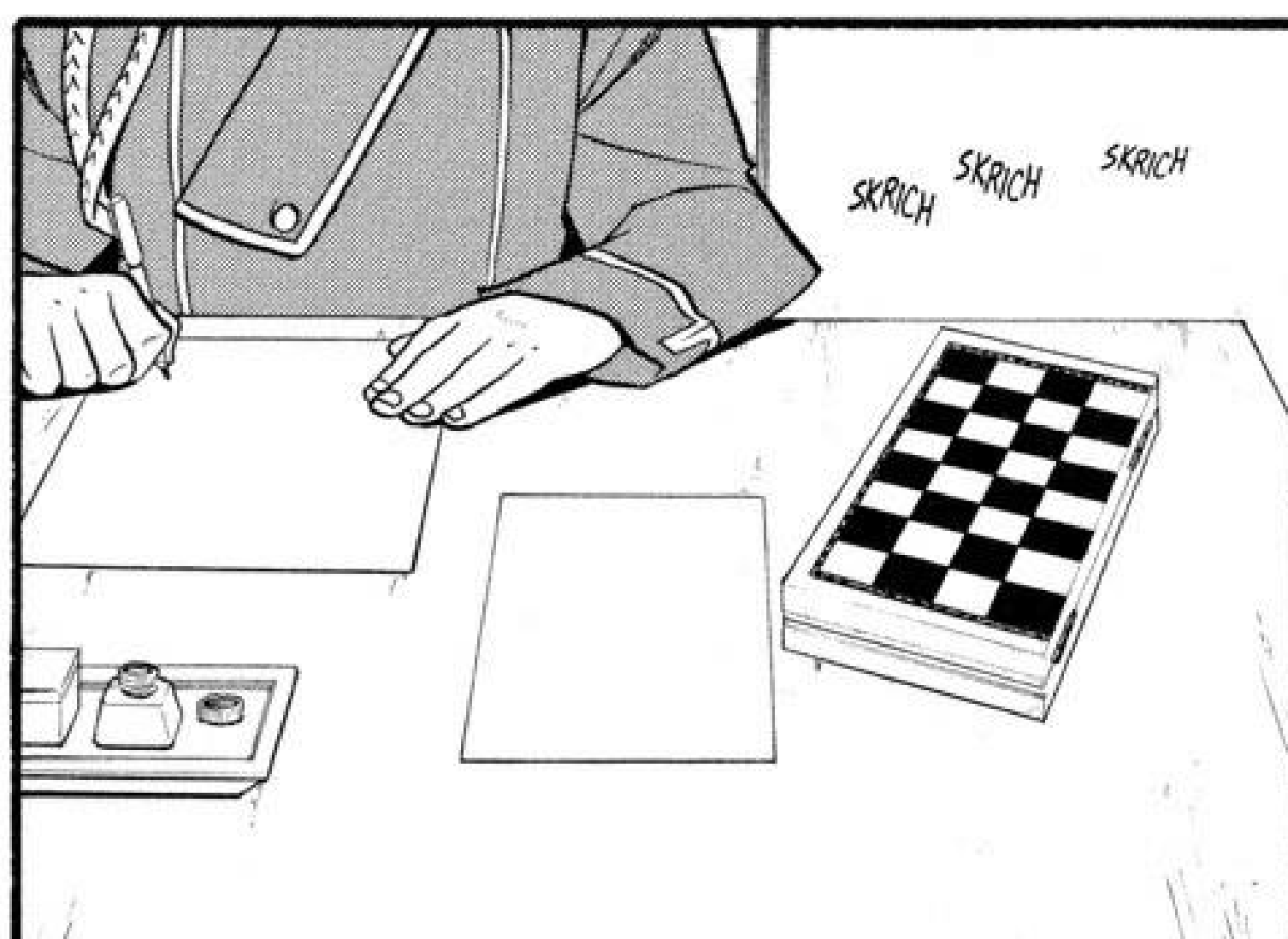
















THAT'S TRUE, SIR.

AFTER ALL, I'M LOSING A VERY TALENTED BODYGUARD.



I'VE LOADED QUITE A BURDEN ON YOU, HAVEN'T I?



OKAY.



DON'T GET KILLED, SIR.



I CAN TOLERATE IT A BIT LONGER, SIR.

HA HA HA... YOU'RE TOO GOOD TO ME, LT. HAWKEYE.



WELL THEN, COLONEL...



IF YOU THINK YOU'VE MADE A MISTAKE, THEN SHOOT ME.

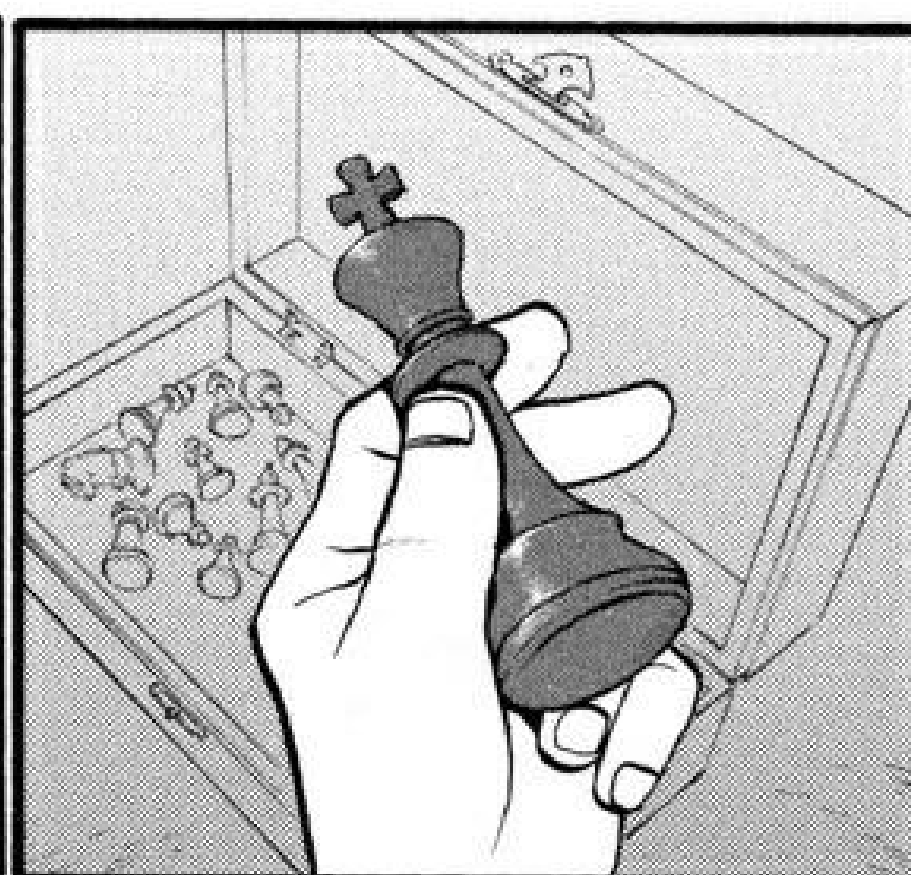
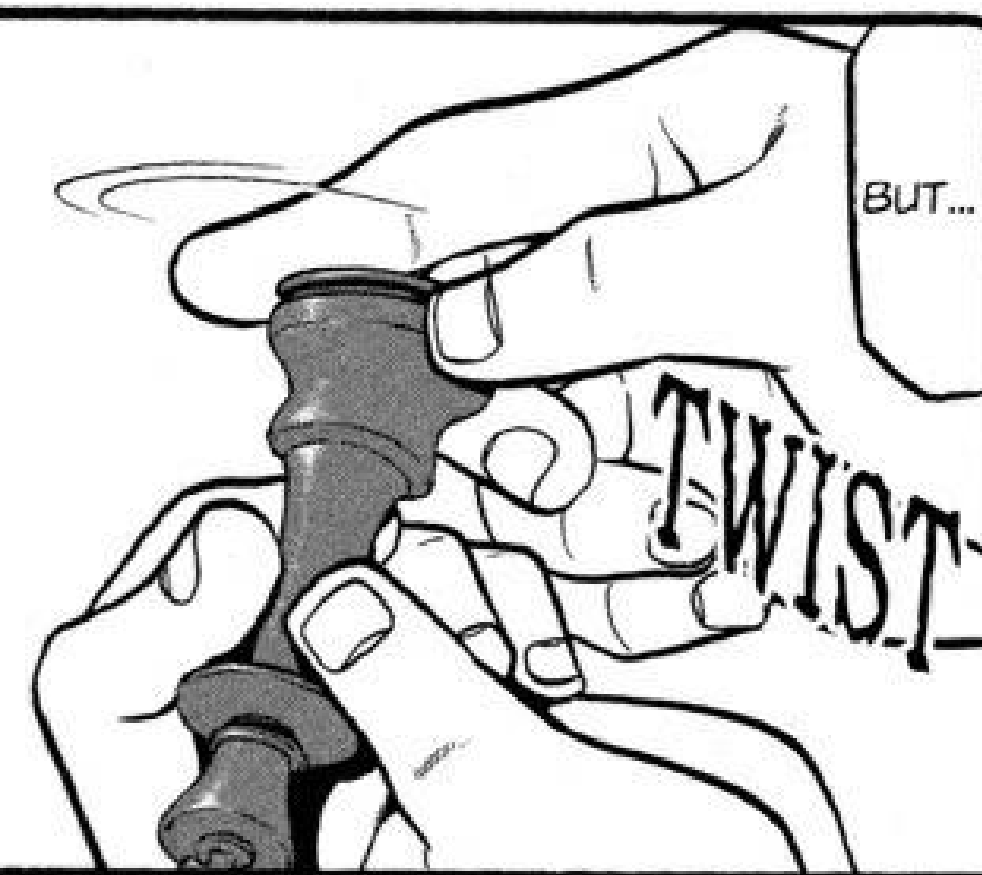
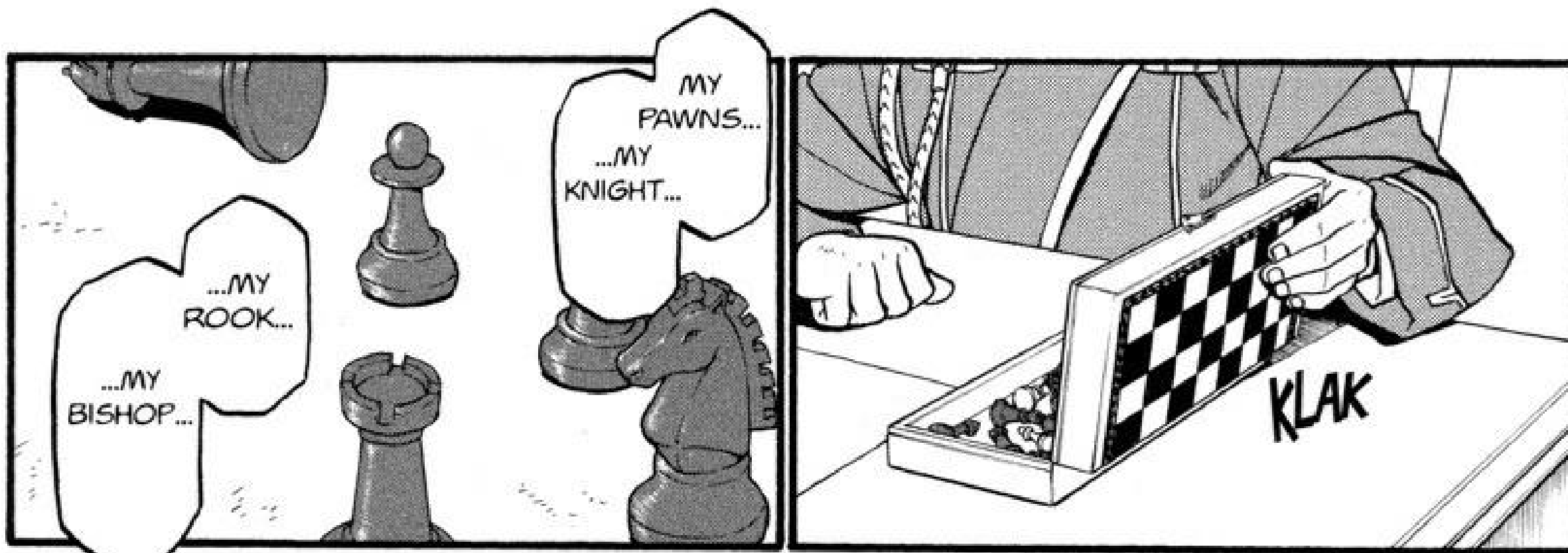
YOU MADE A PROMISE TO ME ON THAT DAY.



PERHAPS I'VE PLACED MY LOYALTIES UNWISELY.

TEE HEE







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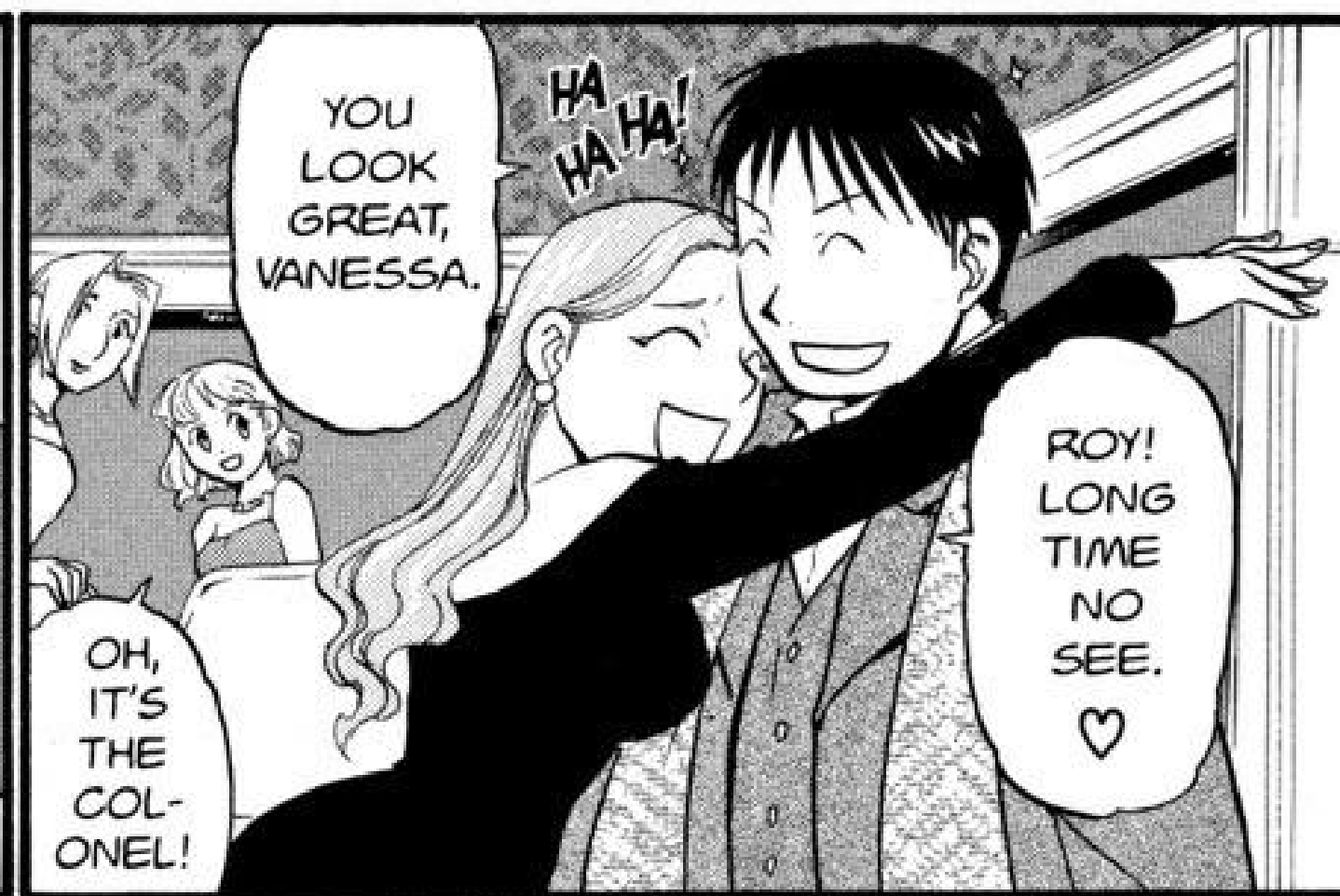
HEY.

OH MY!



GOOD EVENING, MADAME CHRISTMAS.

IT'S BEEN A WHILE, ROY.



YOU LOOK GREAT, VANESSA.

HA HA HA!

OH, IT'S THE COLONEL!

ROY! LONG TIME NO SEE. ♡



ANOTHER MAN TOOK ELIZABETH AWAY FROM ME.

WHY DON'T YOU AND ELIZABETH GO SOMEPLACE FUN?



HONESTLY...? NOT SO GOOD. IT'S BEEN A BAD WEEK.

HOW'VE YOU BEEN?

I CAME HERE TO CHEER MYSELF UP.



HA HA HA... I'D GO ON A DATE WITH YOU ANYTIME.

TEE HEE!

OH! DOES THAT MEAN I HAVE A CHANCE NOW?

